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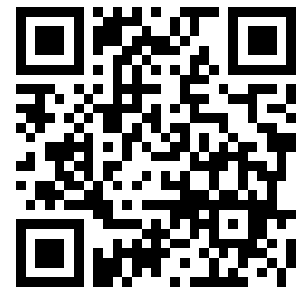

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Lt. Col. R. Roundell	.. „ 12/26	Mrs. Platt	.. .. .. „ 1/27
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Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett	.. „ 12/26	Major O. B. Foster	.. *Bound Vols.*
Capt. G. J. Gatehouse	.. „ 12/26	Col. D. Sapte	.. *Bound Vols.*
Capt. R. F. Watson	.. .. „ 12/26	Major H. C. Stephen	*Bound Vols.*
Mr. E. T. Poulter	.. .. „ 12/26	P.R.I., 1st Bn.	.. *Gazettes*
Major Cubitt	.. .. „ 12/26	P.R.I., Depôt	.. *Gazettes*
Major O. B. Foster	.. .. „ 12/26		

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., is selected for service as an Adjutant, T.A. (dated 5th December, 1925); Lieut. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., to be Captain (dated 5th December, 1925).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

4th Bn. North'd. Fus.—Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., from Active List, to be Captain (dated 30th January).

7th Bn. North'd. Fus.—Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., from Active List, to be Captain (dated 30th January).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

January, 1926.

The Xmas and New Year holidays passed over and, so far as I know, there were no casualties.

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A perfect epidemic of dancing broke out, and carnival was the order of the day. The officers, sergeants, corporals and other ranks each gave dances. They were all the best of fun and most enjoyable.

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The Xmas dinner was a great success. There was more of "the oldest soldier in the Company" than has been known for many years. The decorations were very much above the usual standard. The prize was won by "X" Company, they possess some artists of considerable merit. No doubt, in course of time, their works will appear in the National Gallery.

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St. George's Minstrels made another appearance on Boxing Night. They are to be congratulated on a really wonderful show.

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Mr. Holdsworth Hunt as a conjurer is really first class. We are very dubious about allowing him to play any more bridge.

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The pioneers had put some really good work into the stage and effects. A good deal of credit is due to them.

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The Troupe consisted of Capt. Lindsay, Mr. Holdsworth Hunt, Arm.-Staff-Sgt. Taylor, Sergts. Chislett and Humphries Cpl. Hackett, Lce.-Cpl. Flint, Lce.-Cpl. Terry, Bdmn. Neil, Fusrs. Warren, Cooney and Forrester, Boys Samuel and Parks. They were admirably backed up by Mr. Windram and the Band.

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A Smoking Concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess, to say good-bye to C.S.M. Guttridge and C.S.M. Clark. We are very sorry that they are leaving us. We wish them the very best of luck. Wherever they are they will always be first-class Fusiliers.

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Mr. Parsons returned from Coblentz early in the month. Coblentz has seen its last Fusilier Guard.

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"X" Coy. did a fortnight's spell at Longerich, but are now back again. They are very pleased to be back.

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We had a farewell inspection by the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir J. Du Cane. In his farewell speech to the troops, he thanked them all for playing the game so well on the Rhine, and hoped we would be happy in our new station.

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The advance party are saying horrid things about Ballykinlar: they say there are rats about the place. Just like France again. I have had them described at varying sizes, even as large as hares.

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However, we will all know by the end of the month. We are due to leave here on the 29th January, and are looking forward to it with delight.

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The journey is rather a fearsome thing. It is to be hoped that we have better luck than the York and Lancs. Regt. and the West Yorks Regt.

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They reached Antwerp about the same time that a War Office telegram had arrived in Cologne to cancel their move.

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H.M. Rhine Flotilla set sail one Sunday and sailed away for ever. They are sailing up the Rhine to Strassbourg, and thence by canal to Paris and then on to Havre and the Channel. The departure was made a gala event. A salute of 15 guns was fired—to the surprise of the Navy themselves, most of the guns did go off.

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I hear that there is big betting on whether they reach England under their own steam or not. I think the starting demonstration was purely bluffing on the part of the Navy, as the odds have gone up farther.

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Our old friends the Tanks have at last passed away. They were blown up, one and all. The personnel have returned to England.

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At the time of writing the only Units remaining in Cologne are the K.S.L.I. and ourselves, with a few odds and ends here and there.

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There are now no telephones, to the peaceful it is bliss, to those who would walk in high places it is the very devil. Company Commanders, etc., are really getting into the habit of writing chits now, and the Adjutant has to take up his pen and answer them.

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We are also carpetless and curtainless. I expect before long we shall have to sleep on the floor.

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The P.R.I.-P.M.C., etc., combination is very busy. They have become itinerate vendors of second-hand goods. Anything from a Ford car to a printing press.

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The Ordnance Offices at Nippes have been burnt to the ground. Our "Q" department are very curious as to the extent of the damage. They are not so sure that they have not been a little premature in one or two matters.

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At any rate the scouts were out pretty early the next day.

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The weather has been very turbulent all the month. The Rhine rose over 28 feet in three days. A good deal of damage was done one way and another. It was really a wonderful

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sight, the water in many cases reached the first floor windows of the houses along the Ufer. Boat was the only method of travel in a large part of the town.

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The river even invaded the Golf Course and actually stretched over the Bonn Road.

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Quite late one night a terrific explosion was heard. The O.C. Longerich snatched up his cap and ran all the way to the depôt. It was still there. It was only a common or garden earthquake shock.

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Now, once again ice and snow hold the field, so I suppose the Rhine will again burst into flood.

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The new Officers' Club ended its days with a final burst on New Year's Eve. All of us were present who could be, and the FIFTH gave it a good break up.

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Major Critchley Salmonson has really departed ; he sprung a great surprise on us and suddenly announced his departure for India. We are very sorry to lose him, but the 2nd Bn. are the gainers.

CHANGING GUARD AT G.H.Q., COLOGNE.

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Congratulations to Captains Edgeworth Johnstone and Newstead. Onward the heavy brigade ! We hear the former is for India.

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It has, of course, been practically impossible to play any sort of outdoor games during the month, even if the weather had been reasonable it is doubtful whether teams could have been raised.

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The only events in football were seven aside competitions during the holidays and two friendly matches against the R.A.M.C.

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The seven aside competition was won by No. 8 Platoon of "X" Company.

Both games against the R.A.M.C. were lost, our teams were largely experimental.

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At any rate we are really moving, everything and everybody is moving. We are going to Ballykinlar.

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They say that there has never been a move like this since Noah boarded the Ark. At any rate Noah did not have to hand over his house. He won.

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We have seen the last of "George." He has been a very familiar figure for the last seven years since Capt. Dorman Smith brought him to Bordon. We shall miss him very much. Peter, Wolf and Betty have also gone, but they have not been with us quite so long.

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BILLIARD TOURNAMENT HELD DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Company teams of 6 below rank of Sergeant.

1st Round—"X" *v.* "Y," won by "X" by 85 points ; "W" *v.* "Z," won by "W" by 45 points.

Final—

"W."		"X."	
Lce.-Cpl. Graham	200	Fus. Chambers ..	185
Fus. Isgar ..	200	Lce.-Cpl. Frazer	174
Fus. Vinton ..	200	Fus. Good ..	147
Fus. Usher ..	200	Fus. Graham ..	151
Fus. Green ..	200	Fus. Doherty ..	188
Fus. O'Hara ..	170	Fus. Neil.. ..	200
Totals	1170		1045

G. PULLAN, *Sergt.-Major.*

ADVANCE PARTY.

Ballykinlar Camp.

The Advance Party, consisting of 1 officer (Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth Hunt) and 30 other ranks, left Cologne on the night of the 5th–6th January, *en route* for Ballykinlar, Northern Ireland. The Advance Party of the 1st Bn. The West Yorkshire Regt. and the 1st Bn. The York and Lancaster Regt. departed on the same train, the former like ourselves having Ballykinlar as their destination, and the latter proceeding to Bordon.

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After breakfast at Ostend Station (cooked for us by the Belgian chefs) we were fortunate enough to have a very calm crossing to Dover. Nevertheless we were half an hour late arriving at Victoria Station, which made it quite impossible for us to catch our train at Euston. The West Yorkshire Regt., who were on the second boat train, were even later, so that both Units sought a night's rest at Wellington Barracks. Our thanks are due to the 1st Bn. The Coldstream Guards, for the kind hospitality shown to all ranks during our brief stay in London.

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Leaving London one day late we eventually arrived at Ballykinlar in time for dinners on the 7th January. The crossing from Fleetwood to Belfast was *not* calm, but perhaps the less said about that the better. The Band of the 1st Bn. The Durham Light Infantry played us and the Advance Party of the 1st Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment into Camp, a distance of 5 miles from Tullymurry Station.

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Life, so far, has been fairly quiet, but later we expect to be kept very busy. We have found time, however, to play two football matches. The first match, *v.* " B " Company 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters, resulted in a win for us by 6 goals to 4. In the second match, *v.* " C " Company 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters, we were defeated by 5 goals to 3. Both games were very evenly contested, but it is only fair to state that none of the regimental players of the Foresters took the field. We look forward to some more matches to be played shortly. Meanwhile we are in the middle of a Basket Ball Competition.

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We will refrain from commenting on Ballykinlar as a station, as no doubt the Battalion sub-editor will do so much more ably next month.

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In conclusion, we have just heard that the Foresters are now not moving to Londonderry till the 30th, instead of the 27th. This would appear to alter the move of the Battalion from Cologne, and as the local wireless station is not in communication with any place further afield than Belfast, the Camp Post Office is kept fully occupied with the exchange of telegrams.

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Capt. H. I. Powell returned from leave on the 16th inst., and has assumed the command of the Advance Party.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

December, 1925.

Hello ! Hello ! here we are again.

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We have survived the Christmas and New Year's ——

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We have escaped unscathed the riotous orgies and Bacchanalian revels customary at these periods of the year.

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Last month's notes were, unfortunately, conspicuous by their absence, due in no small measure to the business —(spelt *laziness*) —of one " Creep," who is part of that excellent organisation— namely " Q " branch.

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This branch is up to its eyes in work . . . particularly Creep's eyes (he is about 3 (THREE) feet high).

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To get to real business, however.

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On New Year's Eve we held a function in the nature of a Farewell Dance. It was very successful indeed—a bright and cheery affair.

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The aforementioned brightness and cheeriness being due to two things—the Jazz Band and the Committee.

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The show was timed to start at 8 p.m., but that mysterious, and on this occasion unwelcome thing known as " Fate " obliged by taking a hand. Firstly, the River Rhine obliged by stepping over its banks and flooding the town. Secondly, and owing to item one, the lights failed to function. *Result*—It did not start at 8 p.m.

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Difficulties were eventually overcome by using two lamps acetylene—mark 4—with tripod legs.

At least we thought everything was A1. Far from it.

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On the arrival of the said lamps it was found that a very necessary item—to wit, carbide—was totally deficient.

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This is where the resourceful " Creep " crept in.

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He sent someone to town, about five miles away, to get carbide.

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The carbide came. The lamps were lit.

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Foregone conclusion. The lights came on ! !

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We were honoured by the presence of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Herbert, in company with several other officers.

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The fun waxed fast and furious. Novelties in the shape of paper hats of startling design, false noses, etc., were strewn about in plenty.

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Everyone tripped " The Light Fantastic " with great gusto.

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During the interval a very tasty and delicious supper was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Alas ! too soon came the conclusion. At 11.55 p.m. the Bells (tubular) rang out a merry peal, and all joined up in a large circle. Came the stroke of midnight, and everybody sang that time honoured old song, " Auld Lang Syne."

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Our Commanding Officer wished everyone a " Very Happy New Year," which wish was very heartily reciprocated and followed by much joy and handshaking.

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The Committee, namely Sergts. Crawley and Smart, are to be very heartily thanked indeed for providing the happiest and jolliest evening the Mess has had for a long time.

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Previous to this we had another little dance, which was very much enjoyed by everyone present.

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The Committee, in the persons of Sergts. Greaves, Cogan and Hurt, worked extremely hard to make this show the success it turned out to be. The married members also are to be thanked very much indeed for providing the whole of the refreshments, which were absolutely delightful.

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A feast for the gods !

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If one may thank those noble exponents of the " Culinary Art," the ladies, through the medium of these columns, then will they please consider themselves very heartily thanked indeed.

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On the evening of the 7th January we again enjoyed ourselves. A Smoking Concert was held, on the occasion of C.S.M.'s Guttridge and Clark leaving the Battalion. They had completed their allotted span of service, and were proceeding to that long dreamed of goal, Civil Life.

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Before going any further with these notes we take the pleasure of wishing them good luck and success in their future endeavours.

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They've been two good pals, and they'd soldiered for years :
Now they're going to drive motors, and learn to change gears.

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S.M.G. Pullan, D.C.M., was in the chair, and conducted a very successful evening. Mr. Windram, the Bandmaster, started the fun going by making everyone sing a song called " Farmer Gray," accompanied by a small band which was present. A rather long, but still very successful programme was gone through and thoroughly enjoyed.

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The Commanding Officer again honoured us with his presence.

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All joined in heartily with all the chorus songs, of which there were many.

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Of course—as per expectation—both members who were leaving were called upon to make a speech . . . which they did !

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Like all good things, this function came to an end and everyone went home feeling very happy.

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Many other things have happened, of course, in addition to these affairs.

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C.S.M. Wisdom, Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron and Sergt. Wadd have been on leave, and returned looking very fit and well.

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Sergt. Greaves has proceeded to Hythe on a long Qualifying Course. Good Luck to him, and may he pass with honours !

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C.Q.M.S. Scally, Sergts. Smart and Chapman have gone to Ballykinlar on the Advance Party, in which place (with a little luck ! !) we shall all be by the time these notes are in print.

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I should like to insert here a few remarks about this celebrated town. Here is " Paddy's " version, written on the back of a photograph :—

" This is where the Bn. will live. Very cheerful. Huts rock in the wind. Holes in roofs and floors in places. Rain gets in in abundance. Infested with RATS. Otherwise O.K."

Delightful, isn't it, comrades ?

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According to sayings prevalent in the Mess, the happiest people there will be the married wallahs.

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The poor contributor is torn between two desires—(1) Shall he take his wife ; or (2) Shan't he ? (Excuse grammar.)

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The lodging list is a fearsome thing when studied in cold blood.

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The most prominent subject under discussion in the Mess at present is a mysterious thing known as " C.F.!."

In case you don't know, this cabalistic sign stands for cubic feet.

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The C.Q.M.S. of Headquarter Wing is very perturbed.

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The C.S.M. is gradually losing his few remaining hairs.

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Animated discussions take place in the Company Office daily —yea, hourly.

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The burning question is : Can a six-foot settee be carried in one's haversack without catching the eagle eye of the R.Q.M.S. ?

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" Matty " wants to know if he can take his " knee-crease " with him.

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" Tiffy " has a babies' pram. to sell. Going cheap. Only 5s.

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Poor Tiffy ! ! This is a hard world.

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It was believed that he had to go to Egypt. So off went his baggage and household effects.

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Now rumour hath it that he will *not* go. " 'Tis a hard world."

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These notes are long, aren't they ? Still, as they are being written in the Mess, a few remarks about same Mess will not be amiss.

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Several Packing Committees were formed . . . they immediately partook of " as much as will cover a six-pence."

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Result—*Sans* carpet. *Sans* pictures. Oh ! *sans* everything.

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Sergt. Finnamore is at present in hospital. We all wish him a very speedy recovery.

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Our congrats. are due to Pioneer-Sergt. Gibbons. On Christmas Day he was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Yea, verily a noble Christmas Box. Good luck !

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This makes a grand total of *eighteen*. 'S good record, eh ?

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Congratulations are also due to R.Q.M.S. Ambury on the birth of a son, Basil James, on the 23rd November, 1925.

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Also to Sergt. Blakey, son William, born on the 31st December, 1925. Everyone doing well.

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Lce.-Sgt. Hutchinson is very heartily welcomed into the fold on promotion.

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There is a possibility of losing several other members in the near future. But more of this in next month's notes.

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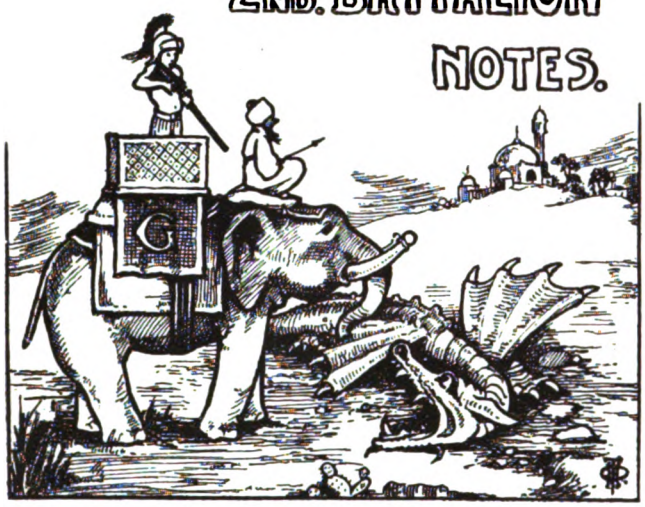
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

23rd December, 1925.

The chief event since our last notes were written has been the annual training camp, this year at Jafargang, some 45 miles from Fyzabad.

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"B" Company and Details under Major Foster left as advance party on 22nd November, followed by the remainder of the Battalion on 29th November.

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As apparently no troops, within the memory of man, have ever visited the district before, our arrival created a good deal of interest and some alarm: the preparations for the field firing range in particular caused rather a stir in the surrounding villages.

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The training areas were, on the whole, an improvement on Pura Gumti, and the field firing range a marked improvement, the chief drawback to the camp being the fine alkaline dust, particularly in the company lines.

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Thanks to the kindness of the local Rajahs, we had elephants placed at our disposal the whole camp, sometimes three being available: there were also large dinners to the officers, and an engagement combined with a "feed" to the Drums.

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We understand that Captain Chipper, in spite of his short acquaintance with India, made a great impression on the Thakurain (local lady Rajah), on whom he called.

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Shooting hardly came up to expectations: a few black buck and pea fowl, with a certain number of duck, were bagged; fishing was also available at some nearby tanks.

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Training pursued its usual course, battalion training winding up with an all day and night operation on 10th/17th and a rear-guard action on 18th, in which "B" Company, the enemy, had the assistance of a "tank," which part was taken by the elephant "Raj Peari," commanded by Lieut. Collingwood: the attack of the "tank" on "A" Company being one of the chief features of the day.

We will leave the account of the first Rajah's dinner to our special correspondent, who (so he says) with others narrowly escaped death on an elephant ride across country in the dark.

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The 9th Field Battery, R.A., are due to leave Fyzabad next month; we are sorry to lose them, but are glad to hear that the 43rd Battery, old friends of ours, are to replace them.

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Otherwise there is no change in Fyzabad this winter: we have now done three years here, and speculation is already busy as to where we are likely to move next winter: Poona or Meerut are favourites in the betting at the moment—we shall hear for certain in February or March.

BRIGADE ELIMINATING COMPETITION FOR THE MURRAY CUP.

On the 19th November our football team went to Lucknow to play in the Brigade Competition for the Murray Cup. Regular trial matches had been played for some weeks previous, and the team had shown great possibilities.

Their success against the D.C.L.I. in the semi-final by 2 goals to 1, and against the 4th Queen's Own Hussars in the Final by 3 goals to 2, was a fulfilment of our expectations. In consequence, the team will now play in the U.P. District Competitions which are to be played off in Meerut in February.

The following represented the Battalion:—Fus. McGiven (*goal*); Fusrs. Jennings and Wigham (*backs*); Fus. Turner, Sgt. Walker (*capt.*) and Fus. Smith (*half-backs*); Fus. Burn, Lce.-Cpl. Gillan, Bdmn. Trower, Fus. Brooks and Fus. Clayton (*forwards*). *Reserves*—Lce.-Cpl. Palmer, Fus. Watson and Lce.-Cpl. Dreher.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* D.C.L.I.

From the outset our team combined extremely well, and for the first twenty minutes play was almost entirely confined to the D.C.L.I. half, though no scoring materialised. From a break away the D.C.L.I. made ground, and a really good centre by their outside right resulted in a goal by their centre forward,

"B" COY. AND THE TANK.

who put in a perfect drive which gave McGiven no chance.

This temporary reverse only served, however, to increase our team's determination, and within two minutes we had equalised

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by a magnificent centre from Burn, which was headed in by Clayton.

Midfield play followed until about two minutes from the

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE TANK.

interval, when Brooks made one of his characteristic bursts down the field, passing to Trower at the critical moment and leaving him with an open goal. Trower took full advantage of the opportunity and half-time found the FIFTH with a lead of 2 goals to 1.

The second half was a repetition of the first, and play was chiefly confined to the D.C.L.I. half. Shortly after the re-start, Fus. Wighan put his knee out, and though he returned to the field after a five-minute rest, he was unable to play up to his normal standard. Neither side scored, and the game finished leaving the FIFTH winners by 2 goals to 1.

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FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* 4TH QUEEN'S OWN HUSSARS.

For this game, Lce.-Cpl. Palmer took the place of Fus. Wighan and played one of his usual excellent games. From the kick-off, midfield play ensued, and was of a very even nature. Ten minutes from the start a ground pass from the Hussars' centre half was very cleverly taken by their centre-forward who gave his team the lead. For the remainder of the half we bombarded our opponents' goal, but it was not until three minutes from the interval that we equalised through Trower.

At the outset of the second half, the Hussars once again took the lead, by a surprise shot from their outside left which entered the top right hand corner of the net. Play was thenceforth of a give-and-take nature, until about nine minutes from the finish. At this period our forwards became inspired with irrepressible energy and literally walked through the defence. Brooks scored two goals in three minutes, and thereby left us winners by 3 goals to 2.

BOXING NOTES.

A Novices' Boxing Competition was held in Camp on 7th, 8th and 9th November, and a large number of budding talent came forward to swell the already extensive adherents.

Some good fighting was witnessed, and if in some cases there was an absence of pugilistic knowledge and ringcraft there was certainly an abundance of vim and determination to fight it out like good sportsmen, which made for an enjoyable session and hopes for the continued prosperity of boxing in the Regiment.

Col.-Commdt. A. E. MacNamara, C.M.G., D.S.O., was present on the final night, and presented the prizes at the close. He congratulated the organisers and both winners and losers. In remarking on the stoutness of all the contests he said it was only what one expected of the Fusiliers.

Good losers' prizes were presented to Lce.-Cpl. Ingham, "A" Coy., and Fus. Jones, "B" Coy., who put up particularly good fights.

Three very rousing cheers were accorded the Brigade Commander, who seemed very pleased with the success of the Tournament and the hard contests which he had witnessed.

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RESULTS.

Class A.

Feather-Weights.

Semi-final—Fus. Malone, "D" Coy., beat Fus. Kelly, "D" Coy.

Final—Fus. Malone, "D" Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Leatherland, "D" Coy.

Light-Weights.

1st Series—Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy., beat Cpl. Boon, "B" Coy.

Semi-final—Fus. Fawcett, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Price, "B" Coy.; Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy., beat Fus. Forrest, "A" Coy.

Final—Fus. Fawcett, "A" Coy., beat Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy.

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Welter-Weights.

Semi-final—Fus. Wright, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Walden, " A " Coy.

Final—Fus. Wright, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Townend, H.Q. Wing.

Middle-Weights.

Semi-final—Fus. Leach, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Summerside, " D " Coy.

Final—Fus. Leach, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Graham, " A " Coy.

Light Heavy-Weights.

Final—Fus. Carter, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Mellis, " B " Coy.

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Class B.

Feather-Weights.

1st Series—Lce.-Cpl. Robinson, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Callagher, " A " Coy.; Fus. Jones, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Crossland, " D " Coy.; Fus. Venables, " A " Coy., beat Fus, Cleveland, " C " Coy.

2nd Series—Fus. De Costa, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Whorrod, " A " Coy.; Fus. Richards, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Cole, " C " Coy.; Fus. Jones, " B " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Robinson, " D " Coy.; Fus. Venables, " A " Coy., beat Fus. J. R. Smith, " A " Coy.

Semi-finals—Fus. Richards, " B " Coy., beat Fus. De Costa, " A " Coy.; Fus. Venables, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Jones, " B " Coy.

Final—Fus. Richards, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Venables, " A " Coy.

Light-Weights.

1st Series—Fus. Clayton, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Thompson, H.Q. Wing; Fus. Wright, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Everett, " A " Coy.

2nd Series—Fus. Wilson, H.Q. Wing, beat Fus. Wilkinson, " A " Coy.; Fus. Gibson, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Daniels, " C " Coy.; Fus. Clayton, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Rollo, " C " Coy.; Fus. Wright, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Hancock, " A " Coy.

Semi-final—Fus. Wilson, H.Q. Wing, beat Fus. Gibson, " D " Coy.; Fus. Wright, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Clayton, " A " Coy.

Final—Fus. Wilson, H.Q. Wing, beat Fus. Wright, " D " Coy.

Welter-Weights.

1st Series—Fus. McKie, " C " Coy., beat Fus. White, " A " Coy.; Fus. J. R. Smith, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Challis, " B " Coy.; Fus. Lench, " C " Coy., beat Fus. Morgan, " B " Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Bell, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Fellows, " C " Coy.; Fus. Browell, " B " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Ingham, " A " Coy.; Fus. Woodhouse, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Judd, " C " Coy.; Fus. McIntyre, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Osgood, " C " Coy.

2nd Series—Fus. McKie, " C " Coy., beat Fus. J. R. Smith, " A " Coy.; Fus. Lench, " C " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Bell, " B " Coy.; Fus. Browell, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Woodhouse, " A " Coy.; Fus. McIntyre, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Jamieson, " B " Coy.

Semi-final—Fus. Lench, " C " Coy., beat Fus. McKie, " C " Coy.; Fus. Browell, " B " Coy., beat Fus. McIntyre, " A " Coy.

Final—Fus. Lench, " C " Coy., beat Fus. Browell, " B " Coy.

Middle-Weights.

1st Series—Fus. Bainbridge, " C " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Paxton, " C " Coy.; Fus. Graham, " C " Coy., beat Fus. F. Ward, " D " Coy.

Semi-final—Fus. Kalaher, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Helm, " A " Coy.; Fus. Graham, " C " Coy., w.o. Fus. Bainbridge, " C " Coy.

Final—Fus. Graham, " C " Coy., beat Fus. Kalaher, " A " Coy.

Special Contest.

Fus. Hawkins, " A " Coy., beat Sgt. Ashton, " D " Coy., on points.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The past three weeks have been spent in camp at Jafargang, where the caterer has been busy removing the chill from the cold evenings with a special preparation which has appealed to all tastes.

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Many shooting parties left camp during the sojourn, but little success was recorded. " Hard Luck " returns were more numerable than " bag."

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The following have rejoined from Courses:—Sergt. Green, from Small Arms, Pachmarhi; Sergt. Dolby, from Machine Gun, Ahmednagar; Sergt. Moran, Signalling School, Poona.

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Sergt. Bellamy has left on posting to the Auxiliary Force, India. He goes to the O. and R. Battalion at Bareilly.

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Cunningham on promotion to Colour-Sergeant, and to Sergt. Moran to present rank.

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Sergt. Hebburn left on the 20th December to sail for U.K. on the 29th, on transfer to the Army Reserve. He is best known to us all as the Provost-Sergeant, in which capacity during the past three years he is known to have discharged his duties with characteristic consciousness.

On leaving he has presented to the Mess a fine set of five antlers and one head—all the trophies of his many shikari efforts, in which form of sport he took so keen an interest.

He takes away with him our best wishes for prosperity in civil life, and may all his efforts be crowned with the success which he thoroughly deserves.

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To Pioneer-Sergt. and Mrs. Jackson we tender our congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

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We take this opportunity of wishing all, happiness and prosperity during the New Year.

DINING WITH THE RAJAH.

Some two years ago several of us had an adventure with elephants that has left us with a deep-rooted fear of these useful and docile animals, and an elephant ride is to us now a nerve racking experience. Indeed there are some of us who have vowed that the promise of untold gold would not induce them to mount one again.

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This year at Jafargang we were invited to dine with a neighbouring talugdar, one Rajah Syed Tawagqul Hussein, a Mahommedan landlord of some repute. To cope with the large number of officers, the Rajah invited us to go in two parties, the one on a Thursday and the other on a Sunday.

Thursday found the members of the first party in a state of pleasurable anticipation, and we retired early to our tents to change, so that we might be ready when the Rajah's cars arrived to take us over the bumpy country road to his residence.

Clean and neatly dressed, we tripped light-heartedly to the Mess (having completed our several toilets) to quaff the "odd one" to keep out the cold on our three mile journey.

Outside the Mess tent four large elephants stood flapping their ears and negligently sniffing up the dust.

Each of us in turn made a wide detour to give them a wide berth. We presumed that they had come to pay their respects to Major Foster, who has an unaccountable affection for these

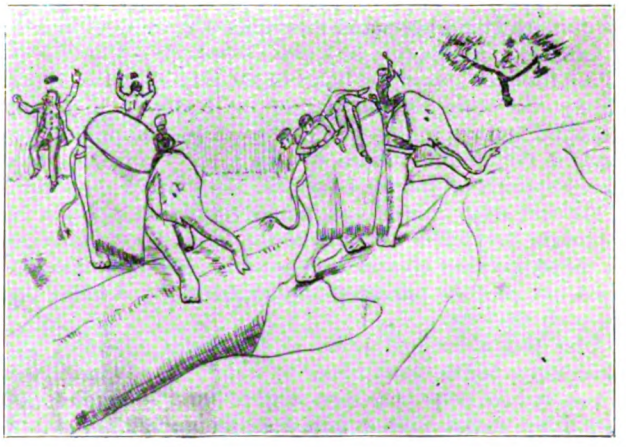
THAKURAINS PALACE.

monsters. He thinks nothing of patting their trunks and feeding them with cake. We have no doubt that he would tickle them behind the ears if he were tall enough.

As each of us plunged happily into the Mess, we were greeted with the awful news that the elephants were waiting to take us to our dinner, and all of us, except the Colonel and Major Foster, flatly refused to go.

However, after one or two aperetifs, we reluctantly agreed to make the journey, except Hogshaw and Humphreys, who remained firm, saying that they'd rather walk ten miles in a gas mask. However, two substitutes were found and we sallied forth to the waiting elephants.

The Colonel and Major Foster selected the largest elephant, a magnificent female with a kind eye. Major Foster said that she was a pal of his. Maynard, Chipper and Collingwood were successful in the rush for the next largest; Baxter and Attwater made a dignified if somewhat hasty ascent on to the worst but one, and Martin made himself very much at home on the boat



"THERE'S ONE MORE RIVER TO JORDAN."

deck of the worst. He took so long settling himself comfortably that Grimley, who was taking great pains not to tread on the elephant's corns, made a forced ascent whilst still in the preliminary stages of mounting.

The procession started off proudly, the way lighted by torch-bearers, who ran alongside. The bearer of the mounting ladder set the pace.

The riders of the two smaller elephants in rear of the procession sang "A Life on the Rolling Sea" in quavering voices.

Soon the two leading elephants, swinging along the dusty track with easy grace, were a good half mile in front of their lesser sisters, whose gait was anything but easy and graceful. Their mahouts, fearful of being late, kept urging their charges to a trot, but the prayers of their terrified passengers prevailed,

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY, AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

and except for an occasional light-hearted skip, they continued their journey at a walk.

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For those mounted on the two leading elephants the journey was almost pleasant, and quite uneventful. For those on the other two, the journey was distinctly uncomfortable, but the obvious safety of the track soon lulled their fears, in spite of the fact that the leaders and their torch bearers were soon out of sight.

Unfortunately, when the lights of the Rajah's palace became visible, and there was no sign of the leaders, the laggards' mahouts, fearing to be late (and perhaps fearing for their heads if they were), decided to take a short cut, and guided their elephants off the track into the blackness of the night.

The first ditch crossed was nothing worthy of mention, but it brought the chill of fear back to the hearts of the passengers. At the second their bronzed faces paled and the knotted muscles stood out on their fore-arms as they frenziedly doubled their grasp on the ropes.

After this a hundred yards of flat almost recovered their equanimity, Martin even began to sing "The elephants went in two by two, there's one more river to cross"—but the words died in his throat when a fearful chasm yawned in front.

Paralytic with terror, they clung in miserable silence as the elephants see-sawed to the crossing. Once safely across a chorus of threats and entreaties broke out. But the mahouts were either unwilling or unable to make their charges kneel down. They only tried to back into the abyss behind. The only alternative was to go forward. Another hundred yards and then another ditch more awful than the first, with a mountainous bank on the far side.

Even the mahouts began to realise that the elephants were not up to Aintree form, and turning aside they began to cross a recently irrigated rice field, which was rather worse than a morass. Progress across this was slow and terrifying, especially as the torch bearers dared not keep up with the elephants, which lashed out at them whenever they came in range.

After what seemed an eternity they reached the far side, only to find that the field was bounded by an eight foot mud wall.

The panic of the passengers had by now infected both mahouts and elephants, and the latter kept rubbing up against each other and trumpetting. This in no way abated the terror of those up aloft.

At last the beasts were persuaded to kneel down. Their riders were off well before the movement was completed, and ran for their lives. From the safety of the wall they watched the elephants, quite calm now, climb the walls like ants.

Arrived at the other side, the mahouts implored them to remount, but they declined with thanks.

After a few hundred yards they reached the Rajah's village which was brilliantly lighted. An avenue of specially planted trees led to a magnificent arch, and the whole village population lined the route. In undignified silence, edging away from their late mounts, they walked towards the archway. Even when the first two elephants came trotting out of the archway, and turning in mid-trot squatted in their path, they refused to get up. A sad contrast to the triumphal entry which had obviously been planned.

The Rajah welcomed us cordially and gave us an excellent dinner. So excellent was it that Baxter, who had vowed he was going to walk home, had barely reached the port stage when he declared his intention of driving his elephant home himself, and challenged Martin to a race.

After dinner we were decorated with magnificent and costly garlands and escorted to the waiting elephants.

Major Foster generously gave up his place on the Queen Elephant, and two of us, Martin and Grimley, fitted into it very comfortably. Baxter, Attwater and Kingstone, who had suffered with them on the journey, mounted the other good one, and Major Foster and the others mounted our late nightmares.

We were all prepared to go home at full gallop across country if required, but we kept to the track the whole way and arrived safely home without incident, except when passing through Jafargang village we were chased by barking dogs. Fortunately at this juncture Maynard flung away the stump of his cigar, which fell within a yard of the most aggressive one. He was instantly asphyxiated. The others fled howling to their dung heap.

So ended a perfect day.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Good resolution for 1926—to write Depôt Notes for every month—even for October, November and December.

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(H'm?—ED. *St. G.G.*)

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We have had many visitors to the Depôt in the past few months. Messrs. Martin, Ingledew and Pringle came to see us during their leave from the 2nd Battalion. Major-Gen. C. J. Deverell, C.B., and Messrs. Crawhall, Carr-Ellison, Beckwith, Bolster and Jones from the 1st Bn.

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One of the greatest advantages of being at the Depôt is that it gives one such a good Regimental education. From nowhere else can one obtain such a good view of the Regiment as a whole. Not only does one see the Fusiliers of the future in the making, and have the "Territorial" part of the Regiment close at hand, but one meets also representatives of both "Regular" Battalions, and the result is that one realises that in all the essential points that go towards the making of a Fifth Fusilier all the differences between them wouldn't fill the hole in the Regimental dragon's left lower wisdom-tooth.

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We put the words "Territorial" and "Regular" in inverted commas above, because they are going to cease to have their old meaning shortly. A squad of 30 recruits has just been formed—in ten days—who are, as the Americans would say, "going to put the 'Northumberland' in 'Northumberland Fusiliers.'" With one exception, and he's a Yorkshireman, they all come from our own County—and there is every prospect of our being able to recruit more squads composed entirely of Northumbrians for some time to come.

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At present the bad state of trade in the North is the reason for this (regimentally) happy state of affairs, but there are indications that Northumbrians will soon have better reasons for joining the FIFTH than that of having nothing else to do. With the 1st Battalion within a half-day's journey, what easier way of getting the County and the Regiment better acquainted than by a series of cricket and football tours to the biggest towns and villages in the County by the 1st Battalion teams? Or an athletic meeting—1st Battalion *v.* The 149th Infantry Brigade, during the annual camp? There are rumours of these things in the air, and it would be strange if some of them at any rate did not come true.

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Our last boxing meeting with the 68th Light Infantry was rather an unfortunate one for us. Rather a long run of wins,

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only broken by an occasional draw, had lulled us into a sense of security which was rapidly shattered by a series of whirlwind first rounds which surprised, hurt, and finally disposed of nearly all of our team before even the semi-final stage had been reached. We must congratulate the 68th on their success and make a mental note ourselves to the effect that it must not occur again.

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We met their Football XI. the other day in a local "Cup" match, and were beaten 4—1. No use saying that we were in their "25" most of the game, "playing the game for the game's sake," and not for mere points—we'd never be believed.

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As a relief after writing about these reverses it is pleasant to be able to state that in a cross-country race of three-and-a-half or four miles with teams of sixty-five a side, we "gained an overwhelming victory," or, more simply, won. Our team was determined to retrieve our position somehow, and succeeded through good packing and determination. Our last man home beat twenty-seven of the other team, and we had ten men in the first fourteen.

GAMES NOTES.

SHOOTING.

Winners of spoons for Monthly Miniature Range Rifle Meetings :—

August, 1925.	*October*, 1925.
Fus. J. Coates, March Squad.	Fus. A. Crozier, June Squad.
Fus. J. A. Malia, April Squad.	Fus. J. Jones, July Squad.
Fus. F. Cuthbert, May Squad.	
Fus. J. Keiling, June Squad.	
November, 1925.	*December*, 1925.
Fus. W. Lynch, June Squad.	Fus. B. Spanton, July Squad.
Fus. R. Maddison, July Squad.	Fus. A. Cockerill, Oct. Squad.
Fus. J. Kingston, Oct. Squad.	Fus. J. F. Taylor, Nov. Squad.

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BOXING.

Inter-Squad Quarterly Meeting.

112 *to* 120 *lbs.* *Semi-Finals.*

Fus. Donaghy, Oct. Squad, beat Fus. Smith, Nov. Squad.
Fus. Kingston, Oct. Squad, beat Fus. Ferguson, Nov. Squad.

Final.

Kingston beat Fus. Donaghy.

120 *to* 130 *lbs.* (*A.*) *Semi-Finals.*

Fus. Morton, Oct. Squad, beat Fus. Wilcox, Oct. Squad.
Lce.-Cpl. Peacock, July Squad, beat Fus. Clark, July Squad.

Final.

Lce.-Cpl. Peacock beat Fus. Clark.

120 *to* 130 *lbs.* (*B.*) *Semi-Finals.*

Fus. Graham, Nov. Squad, beat Fus. Brockless, Nov. Squad.
Fus. Thirlwell, June Squad, beat Fus. Nelson, Nov. Squad.

Final.

Fus. Thirlwell beat Fus. Graham.

130 *to* 140 *lbs.* *Semi-Finals.*

Fus. Bannon, Oct. Squad, beat Fus. Franks, June Squad.
Fus. Travers, July Squad, beat Fus. McCaffery, Nov. Squad.

Final.

Fus. Bannon beat Fus. Travers.

140 *to* 150 *lbs.* *Semi-Finals.*

Fus. Miller, June Squad, beat Fus. Jones, July Squad.
Fus. Dodds, June Squad, beat Fus. Aitkin, June Squad.

Final.

Fus. Miller beat Fus. Dodds.

Result.	June Squad	105 points.
	Oct. Squad	94 ,,
	Nov. Squad	89 ,,
	July Squad	74 ,,

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INTER-DEPOT MEETING.

In the 112 to 120 lbs. and 120 to 130 lbs. none of our team reached the semi-final stage.

130 *to* 140 *lbs.* *Semi-Finals.*

Pte. Hardwick, D.L.I., beat Pte. Corbett, D.L.I.
Fus. Travers beat Lce.-Cpl. McDermott, D.L.I.

Final.

Fus. Travers beat Pte. Hardwick.

140 *to* 150 *lbs.* *Semi-Finals.*

Lce.-Cpl. Fairbairn, D.L.I., beat Fus. Wilson.
Fus. McCaffery beat Pte. Carroll, D.L.I.

Final.

Fus. McCaffery beat Lce.-Cpl. Fairbairn.

Result.	68th Light Infantry ..	58 points.
	5th Fusiliers	28 ,,

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SPECIAL CONTESTS.

6 *Rounds.*—Pte. Hudson, R.A.M.C., beat Cpl. Gelder, 5th Fusiliers.

4 *Rounds.*—Fus. Hosker, 5th Fus., beat Signalman Freeman, Royal Corps of Signals.

This was probably Fus. Hosker's last fight as a regular Fusilier, and it was fitting that it should take place in the same ring as his first. It was more of an exhibition than a contest, but Signalman Freeman was congratulated on putting up such a good show against a so much more experienced boxer.

4 *Rounds.*—Driver Naylor, R.A., beat Signalman Barlow, Royal Corps of Signals.

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RUNNING.

Inter-Squad Quarterly Run.

Teams of 20 per Squad—

1st.	October Squad	751 points.
2nd.	December Squad	771 ,,
3rd.	November Squad	789 ,,
4th.	July Squad	929 ,,

Individual placings—

1st. Fus. Morton, October Squad.
2nd. Fus. Nicholson, November Squad.
3rd. Fus. Jackson, December Squad.
4th. Fus. Robinson, July Squad.
5th. Fus. Ferguson, November Squad.

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Inter-Depot Run.

4 *miles.* Teams of 65 men. First man home to score 1 point, last man 130 points.

5th Fusiliers	3305 points.
68th Light Infantry	5238 ,,

5th Fusiliers won by 1933 points.

The first 20 to finish were :—

1 Cpl. Ross, 5th Fus.	11 Pte. Williamson, D.L.I.
2 Fus. Jackson, Dec. Squad.	12 Fus. Miller, July Squad.
3 Fus. Ferguson, Nov. Squad.	13 Fus. Robinson, July Sqd.
4 Pte. Smith, D.L.I.	14 Mr. Earle, 5th Fus.
5 Fus. Morton, Oct. Squad.	15 Sgt. Wilson, D.L.I.
6 Fus. McCaffery, Nov. Squad.	16 Fus. Caldwell, Dec. Squad.
7 Pte. Christian, D.L.I.	17 Pte. Webster, D.L.I.
8 Fus. Wilcox, Oct. Squad.	18 L/C. Postlethwaite, D.L.I.
9 Pte. Reid, D.L.I.	19 Fus. Arrowsmith, Nov. Sq.
10 Fus. Cockerill, Oct. Squad.	20 Fus. Nicholson, Nov. Sq.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

Winter Training has commenced, and Section Leading Classes are in full swing at all Drill Halls.

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In spite of a very sudden and serious curtailment of our Training Grant, we hope to get some useful class work done before the "Drills" for trained men commence on 1st March.

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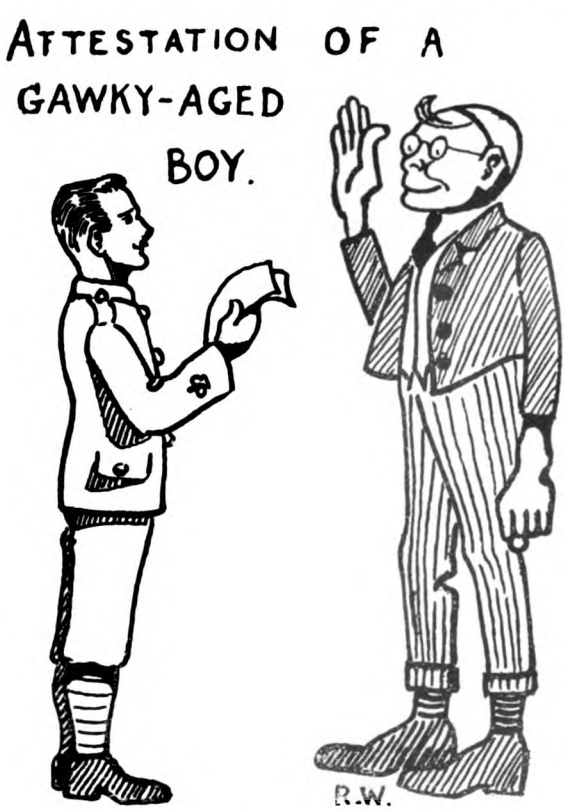
Rumour hath it that Capt. G. E. Charlewood is returning to the Battalion. If this is true he will be warmly welcomed



back by all who previously served with him, and especially his old Company.

Major Williams, our Adjutant, has proceeded on leave. Not content with the Arctic conditions experienced already in this

part of the world, we understand that he is now in the High Alps in search of further snow and winter sports.

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The R.S.M. has been to Enfield during the month for a course in the care of Vickers Machine Guns.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

Again we must offer apologies for the lack of news in this issue.

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Somehow or other we seem to have great difficulty in collecting matter of interest for these notes; whether it is that lack of imagination of the writer is wholly or partly responsible is a matter for conjecture—if the latter be at fault, then please transfer these apologies to the singular.

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Our shooting stalwarts of the Sergeants' Mess are to be congratulated on their perseverance in the uphill fight of forming miniature shooting teams. For some unknown reason, it is difficult to collect fresh young blood who are prepared to practice for the love of shooting. Such a situation is to be deplored, but it is hoped that something good will emanate from the keenness of the older members.

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About the middle of the month, the writer found himself one day in the "Prudhoe Guards" country, and he found the

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winter climate in that district very severe. It is interesting to note that the mountainous country-side of our "Hill station" suffers a very heavy winter, and at this season is so heavily snowclad that the natives are to some extent snowbound, and probably buried.

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This may possibly account for the lack of notes from the Prudhoe Detachment.

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We have heard a rumour that our Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., has been granted an extension of command. If this is so we tender our congratulations, and incidentally we also congratulate ourselves very heartily.

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Rumour also hath it that one of our derelict company com-

OUR BATTALION POT-HUNTERS.

manders is coming back to us. No names, no pack drill, but in any case, "Welcome!"

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C.S.M. Mower, our P.S. Instructor, is most expert at making up imaginary miniature battlefields, and he has made one of our sand tables into a veritable paradise for Section Leaders' initiative and "fire orders."

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Cpl. Lockhart, of H.Q. Wing, has just completed a three months' Machine Gun Course at Netherhaven, where he "passed" very successfully.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Winter Training is now in full swing, and would have been more so but for a sudden curtailment of pay by the Powers-that-be. At any rate, the attendance at the Section Leaders' Class is most satisfactory, as far as can be gathered at the moment, some twenty-two N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers are mastering the mysteries of leading a Section. Quite a number of other Fusiliers were going to take a great interest in the workings of a Lewis Gun, but the very unfortunate "axe" mentioned above has rather cooled their ardour, it has also prevented Lce.-Cpl. Yielder from spending a few pleasant days at the Depôt, cancelled C.S.M. Wind's visit to the Gunners, and imposed many a varied hardship on several other worthy members of the "Guards."

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Our recruits (seven in number at the moment) have also commenced their training, and if all reports are to be believed they are "hot stuff," which is gratifying.

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Unfortunately our teams did not do too well in the County Miniature Rifle Competitions—in fact, they did badly. We do not usually admit defeat (even on field days), but in this case there is no getting away from the fact—the only explanation being that the vast amount of snow outside the Drill Hall on the night we fired had dazzled the team.

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The combined brains of the senior members of the Detachment have devised a training scheme for 1926, which is the envy of all visitors from other Detachments who have been allowed to see it. The main object is musketry and proficiency therein, more than that we are not allowed to divulge, but we fully expect to see amendments in "Soldiering without Tears" in the very near future.

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We are very unfortunate; we have apparently lost our C.Q.M.S., where he is or what he is doing is not at all clear. He was seen on New Year's Eve, but what happened on the morning of New Year's Day is a mystery; it is hoped at any rate that wherever he is, he is comfortable and enjoying good health.

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We rather thought the absence of notes in last month's *Gazette* would stir up the Newburn people—for their information cupid is not doing any "fell" work just now; there is not nearly so much snow and ice, etc., in the "denes" and other sheltered spots.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
25th January, 1926.

The New Year has been ushered in, as far as the Battalion is concerned, with a Treat given by the Officers and their friends to the wives and children of the men of the Battalion.

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The event took place on 9th January, and about 500 sat down to tea. The Battalion Band, under Bandmaster W. A. Crosse, played a selection of music, and in addition there was a Punch and Judy Show, Conjuring by R.Q.M.S. Boyd, songs by Miss Hoffman, and each child was given a small present before leaving. There was a very good attendance of Officers and N.C.O.'s, and their wives and friends, and the affair passed off smoothly and well. It is hoped that this will become an annual event. Our late Q.M. Capt. J. R. Johnson was responsible for the arrangements, which, needless to say, were excellent.

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As soon as the new heating is installed the Entertainment Committee hope to enliven the winter evenings for the benefit of the Battalion generally.

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The Sergeants held their Annual Dinner in the Drill Hall on 15th January. Col. Morant, our Brigadier, was the guest of the evening, and there was a representative attendance of Officers and N.C.O.'s. Both the Brigadier and the C.O. made reference to the present strength of the Battalion, which is by no means satisfactory, and urged the necessity this year of bringing the Battalion up to strength before going to Camp at Catterick. With so many other attractions, it has always been rather a problem to keep a Town Territorial Battalion up to strength, but with the excellent *esprit de corps* among both officers and n.c.o.'s it really ought not to be an impossibility to achieve the needful.

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At the Dinner flattering reference was made by C.S.M. Robinson, one of the most enthusiastic and efficient Warrant Officers, to the loss the Battalion were sustaining through Major W. Anderson having been appointed to command the 5th Battalion. What is our loss is the FIFTH'S gain, and the fact that he has been welcomed with enthusiasm by all ranks in the 5th Bn. points to the well-known fact that they know they are getting a Commanding Officer of outstanding merit. We should imagine that the friendly rivalry between the two Battalions will in future be a thing to write home about, and, if considered cold-blooded and calculated eyewash spells efficiency, our William will be there every time.

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On Sunday, 24th January, Col. G. R. B. Spain, C.M.G., who took the Battalion into its first fray in the war, unveiled a very striking Memorial Window which has been presented to the Officers' Mess by Capt. and Mrs. T. P. Parmeter in memory of the Officers of the Battalion who fell in the Great War—44 in all.

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Col. T. Crawhall, D.S.O., our old Chaplain, offered prayer, and the C.O.'s introductory remarks were excellent in every way. There was a very representative gathering of Officers past and present, including Col. W. H. Ritson, C.M.G, Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., past Commanding Officers, in addition to Lieut.-Col. G. R. B. Spain, C.M.G., also Major R. Temperley, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., and Major J. G. Leathhart, M.C., Capt. T. Sopwith, Capt. R. W. Nicholson, Capt. R. F. Harrison, Capt. T. Bonner, and Lieut. Waugh. The Senior Service was represented by Admiral Slaytor, C.B., and the Depôt by Lieuts. Forbes-Watson and Earle.

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Our late Adjutant (Major J. H. Gordon, M.C.) made a special journey from Aberdeen to be present, and we appreciate his support at all times, and on all occasions. Although in fact a Gordon Highlander, in spirit he is a true Fusilier.

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It was an impressive ceremony, and it was hard to stand there without a heart throb, and recall again the names of so many gallant souls. We suppose they would do the same again, but the present spirit of the nation is apt to forget their services and sacrifices.

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Fus. Hugh, Cpl. Welsh and Fus. Berkley have been chosen to fight for the Division in the Territorial Boxing Championship, to be held in London on 5th March next.

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A more than usually successful Guest Night was held on Thursday, the 28th January, our guests including Majors Firmin (Tyne R.E.), Barstow, D.S.O., M.C. (R.A.), and Turner, D.S.O., Commanding 68th Depôt.

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As this was Major W. Anderson's last night before moving on to the 5th Bn., the Subalterns' Union made a special effort and performed a specially-written farce entitled "A Bill of Exchange; or the Pinching of Sweet William," a drama in Three Nightmares. The printed programme contained some advertisements ridiculing the Senior Officers, which were quite first class. At times one is constrained to think that our Subalterns are really rather hard to beat—at any rate, as trouser removers they would rival Pickfords any day. For reference, apply M.O. 1 or O.C. 5th Battalion.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
20th January, 1926.

Owing to our correspondent becoming inactive, both in a military and literary sense, news of the Battalion has in recent issues been nil.

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This is much regretted, but unfortunately unavoidable.

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It is hoped that with the installation of a new correspondent our contribution to the *Gazette* will be more bulky and regular.

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It is also hoped that all ye who judge will not judge too harshly of the efforts of one who is not by profession a man used to telling the tale, but rather one who is a soldier by profession first, and a deputy-correspondent after.

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Since our last notes several changes have taken place in the Battalion.

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Major H. R. Small, T.D., has transferred to the Reserve of Officers, T.A.

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His departure, after a long and honourable association with the Battalion, is regretted, but although he is not an active member of the unit, he is remaining close at hand, and will no doubt be much with us in spirit.

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We have also to report the transfer to the Reserve of Officers, T.S., of Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., who is taking up an appointment in the Kenya Colony. He will be greatly missed, particularly by the Machine Gun Group, whose guiding star he was. May his journey to his new abode be pleasant, and we trust that he will ever remember the happy days he had with the Battalion, and that they will serve in some small measure as consolation during his temporary sojourn across the seas.

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2nd-Lieuts. M. Robson and V. W. Brown have attended a 14-days' course at Lichfield, of instruction in Vickers' Gun Training. Both are to be congratulated on their satisfactory reports.

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The appointment of Adjutant has also undergone a change. Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., has vacated the appointment and been succeeded by Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.

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Much as we regret the going of the former, who had during his tenure of the appointment endeared himself to all ranks,

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there is some consolation that our loss is the gain of the Regular unit to which he is proceeding.

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Our congratulations are due to him on his promotion to the rank of Major. May his star continue in the ascendant.

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Capt. Trenam is no stranger to the Battalion, as during his stay at the Depôt as Acting-Adjutant he did much to bring the Territorial Battalions closer to the Regular units, by his readiness to demonstrate the various phases of the soldier's life to the voluntary soldier, and by his willingness to assist the Territorial units at all times.

Editorial Notes.

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OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON BRANCH) NOTES.

General Meeting held at Headquarters on 6th January, 1926. Chairman, Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes. Present :—Col. D. Sapte, Lt.-Col. A. Lander, Capt. J. T. Rowland, and about sixty other ranks.

We also welcomed amongst us, Capt. Steele, who has recently left the 2nd Battalion in India.

The principle item on the agenda was the election of Officers and Committees for the current year ; the result was that all were re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. A. Jeffs, who was elected a member of General Committee *vice* Mr. W. Wright, resigned.

After the General Meeting a very enjoyable evening, in the form of a Dance by the members and friends of the Regiment, was spent.

DEATH OF PTE. W. HETHERINGTON.

We regret to report that one of our members, Mr. W. Hetherington, died at Bournemouth on the 7th December, 1925, at the age of 53. He was amongst us for the last time on Armistice Night, at our Annual Re-Union Dinner. Until May, 1925, he had been employed at the St. Dunstan's Home, but was compelled to resign through ill-health. He was a most ardent supporter of the Association since its inception.

He enlisted in the 2nd H.L.I. in 1891, and served 8 years in India (Tirah Punjab Frontier Medal and Clasp, 1898) ; South Africa, 1899 to 1902 (King's South Africa, 2 clasps ; Queen's, South Africa, 4 clasps) ; joined Fifth Fusiliers March, 1903 ; served with 4th Bn. under Col. G. L. H. Armstrong ; when disbanded transferred to 2nd Bn. and served until 1912, when he went to the Reserve.

Rejoined 2nd August, 1914. Proceeded overseas with 1st Bn., served through Retreat from Mons and at Battles of Marne and Aisne, up to Ypres first battle, when he was wounded and lost his right arm. He was discharged in February, 1915.

He was buried at East Finchley Cemetery on the 12th of December. A gun carriage and 6 horses were furnished by "O" Battery R.H.A.

A wreath was sent by the Old Comrades' Association.

Hetherington leaves a widow and four children to whom, in their sorrow and loss, goes the sympathy of all his old comrades.

SERVICE SPORTS NOTES.

FOOTBALL.

ARMY *v.* CORINTHIANS.

The splendid play of the Army XI. this year is fast becoming a leading topic in amateur soccer circles. B. Bennison, the well-known critic of the *Daily Telegraph*, witnessed the match against the Corinthians, and the following excerpts have been made from his report :—

"Football in the Army has never been better. Such was the impression I formed at Crystal Palace when the Corinthians played a team of officers and men. It is true that the Army lost ; the score went against them by 3 goals to 2. But the result did them an injustice ; they were the better side, and they had more of the play. Howard Baker, bad luck, and much poor shooting cost them the game. The Army were the equal of many of our professional sides, their forwards especially clever ; their halves sound ; backs steady ; goalkeeper first class. I would especially commend the halves and, if they may be excused much wild shooting, the forwards could hardly have been improved upon. All of them had ideas above the common.

ARMY PLAYERS CAPPED FOR ENGLAND.

Lieut. K. Hegan and Sergt. F. Twine, who played so well for England against Ireland last November in the Amateur International Match, continue to add laurels to their fine football records. Both have been chosen for England against the Rest on 6th February, Egan this time transferring over from the right to his own wing. Twine remains at right back.

Egan has gone even one better, having been selected to play in the English International Trial Match—as distinct from the Amateur International—for the Rest against England. His present excellent form should bring him a cap before the season is over. No Army matches of note have been played during January.

RUGBY.

UNITED SERVICES (PORTSMOUTH) *v.* GUY'S.

This match at Honor Oak Park was one of varying fortune, and ended in a draw, the Hospital putting on a dropped goal and three tries, and the Services two placed goals and a try. While always fast and keen, the play during the opening half attained to no particular excellence, each side breaking away repeatedly, without developing any really effective attack.

Against Rosslyn Park and R.N.C. (Greenwich) easy victories were recorded, the scores being respectively 21 pts. to 3 and 43 to 10.

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ARMY TRIAL XV.

After losing a closely contested game against U.S. (Chatham), they won convincingly by 18 pts. to 11 from R.M.A. (Woolwich). The admirable touch finding of Guardsman Rees at full-back, and the work of H. Q. Wright at stand-off half for the Trial XV., were the outstanding features of the game.

ARMY XV. *v.* LEICESTER.

An excellent fight against a powerful XV., losing eventually by the narrow margin of 8 points to 5. A most enjoyable game to watch, and played at a rare pace throughout.

ARMY XV. *v.* HARLEQUINS.

Lost a very sporting game by 22 points to 16.

U.S. (PORTSMOUTH).

Gained two noteworthy victories against Richmond and the Old Blues, the scores being, respectively, 19—3 and 11—6. Lost to Cardiff heavily by 18—3.

ARMY *v.* R.N.

Will take place at Twickenham, 6th March. A certain number of the best seats are obtainable for the convenience of Officers and O.R.'s from the Hon. Sec., Army Rugby Union, Room 446, War Office. These seats are priced at 7/6 and 5/- in the covered stands, and 3/- ringside. Admission to the ground, 1/-.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S INTERNATIONALS.

Lieut. K. Faithfull, the English International forward, is in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. A brother officer, Lieut. W. Browne, is also an International of Ireland. So far they have not been opposed to each other on the International field for Faithfull got his solitary cap against Ireland in 1924, while it was last season that Browne played against England, Scotland and Wales.

HOCKEY.

UNITED SERVICES XI.

Hendon was overwhelmed in the second half of their game against the U.S. of Portsmouth. The final score was 7—1. Six of these winning goals were obtained in the last thirty minutes, that clever forward Lieut. Atkinson scoring a "hat-trick."

SQUASH RACKETS.

FIRST ARMY CHAMPION.

The first Army Squash Rackets Championship was won at the Princes Club, Knightsbridge, by Lieut. G. N. Scott-Chad, Coldstream Guards, who holds for a year the Silver Challenge Cup presented by the Club.

FIRST NAVAL CHAMPION.

Lieut. R. C. Todhunter, R.N., won the first Naval Championship at Queen's Club.

INTER-SERVICES.

As a fitting conclusion to the above championships, an Inter-Services match was held at Princes Club, which was won by the Army by three tries to none. Two of the matches, however, were closely contested and went their full length of three games.

BOXING.

ARMY AND R.A.F. *v.* DENMARK.

In consequence of our disappointing form at Copenhagen against the Sparta Club of Denmark, Danish Amateurs propose to enter for the British Amateur Championships next April at the Albert Hall. The Army and R.A.F. Team won only five out of fourteen matches. I understand that the cause of their failure is traceable to lack of condition—and conditions.

INTER-UNIT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Army B.A. has decided that eight instead of four teams shall compete in the final round of these championships at Aldershot on 18th and 19th March. The teams to be comprised as follows:—Aldershot Group 4, Southern 2, Northern and Eastern 1 each.

This division has been arrived at in the fairest manner possible, in proportion to the group entries received, which were:—Aldershot 25, Southern 11, Eastern 5, and Northern 4. Unfortunately the above commendable alteration will necessitate three fights for the finalists in two days, instead of two as heretofore.

FOILS AND SABRE.

Flight-Lieut. Sheriff, R.A.F., the present amateur foils champion, in all probability will not defend his title this year, but will concentrate on the sabre instead. The present sabre champion, Lt.-Cdr. Kershaw, is better known as a Rugger player. Should these two officers meet in the finals of the sabre it will indeed be a battle of the giants between Navy and R.A.F. Sheriff is a past light-heavy boxing champion of the R.A.F.

ATHLETICS.

ARMY *v.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

The "A" team of the University beat the Army in a cross-country race at Cambridge by 67 points to 69, and, as the scoring suggests, it was a very close affair. Cpl. W. Cotterell, the National and Army Champion, finished second to Lce.-Cpl. Webb

TREBLIG.

TALES THAT ARE TOLD.

There is a story of R.L.S. which illustrates the "sweet unreasonableness" of men of genius. When Stevenson was in Davos, he had a severe attack of hæmorrhage. A young English parson was staying close by, with whom Stevenson had struck up a friendship. One morning the parson received an urgent message at six o'clock to go to the Stevenson's, as he was wanted at once. Knowing that R.L.S. was very ill, he hurried into his clothes, and dashed off expecting to find his friend "in extremis." He was confronted with a mass of bed clothes, from out of which a gaunt face emerged, and a hollow voice croaked, "For God's sake, have you got a Horace?"

CANDOUR.

The Author: "When I write far into the night I find great difficulty in getting to sleep."

The Friend: "Then why don't you read over what you've written?"

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. C. H. Steel, M.C., on attaining the age fixed for compulsory retirement, is placed on ret. pay (dated 31st January). The following 2nd-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants (dated 31st January):—A. C. Collingwood, M. N. E. MacMullen.

The following Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieutenants (dated 4th February):—R. C. Stockley, B. J. Leech, K. O. N. Foster, R. P. Whelan, R. S. N. Clarke.

Capt. H. G. Steele, M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 24th February).

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

GENERAL LIST.

Col. (Hon. Brig.-Gen.) C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Officers (dated 1st February).

REGIMENTAL LIST.

Capt. C. H. Steel, M.C., ret. pay, to be Capt. (dated 31st January) with seniority 13th December, 1918.

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th Bn.—Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., to be Major (dated 21st November, 1925).

4th Bn.—Lieut. G. E. Charlewood, late of this unit, to be Captain (dated 30th January).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR CAMP,
February, 1926.

We have again said good-bye to Capt. Steele. Since the notes of the last number of the *Gazette* were written times have been fairly eventful, and it might therefore appear, despite the esteem, etc., etc., in which he was universally held, somewhat unusual at the opening of these notes to give his departure precedence over such events as the move, or Capt. Newstead's ascent of Slieve Donard, the arrival of Copp, or the opening of The Ballykinlar Whippet Club. However, such is the state of mind of the writer at the moment, that these and all other such epoch-making events are entirely eclipsed by Capt. Steele's going away, for is not to-day the 25th? Did not Capt. Steele depart only yesterday? Did not his name appear in the last list of Regimental Committees as Battalion sub-Editor? Lastly, has not the writer just received the Adjutant's "compliments" and a request for "copy" by to-night —a nasty word, "compliments," with unpleasant associations. There are, for instance, the usual "compliments" of the season, which you receive at certain times of the year, through the medium of a domestic, from the postman, or the butcher or the milkman, reminding you that you are expected to return the "compliment" in cash—unpleasant association number one.

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Then, again, there is the type of letter one receives from Messrs. Robb and Fleece, Military Outfitters, in which Messrs. R—— and F—— present their "compliments" to Mr. S. Broke, and remind him of the fact that the sum of £99 11s. 4d. is outstanding since 1922, and make pertinent enquiries regarding Mr. S. B.'s intentions of settling the account.

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And, again, there are the Adjutant's "compliments"—"and will you go to the Orderly Room at once," nine times out of ten either for the purpose of (*a*) being given something to do, or (*b*) explaining why something hasn't been done.

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Distinctions are invidious, but one cannot help reflecting that the worst of all are the Adjutant's "compliments," since in the case of (1), the "season's compliments," these can only be received once a year and can be forgotten for the remainder. The same is true, to a certain extent, of Messrs. R—— and F——'s "compliments," as long as Messrs. R—— and F—— are not suffering from any exaggerated ideas regarding the urgency of the matter, in which case they may be received more often. But with the Adjutant's "compliments" it is a different affair. This variety may be received any day or night, at any time. They are, moreover, nearly always associated with a request, which amounts to a demand, requiring you to do some particular thing when you feel least inclined to do it, or to be at Orderly Room when you least desire to be there. Who, also, has not at some time or other received the Adjutant's "compliments," coupled with a demand to attend at Orderly Room at once, without on the way doing a few moments' rapid review of all his recent sins of omission or commission?

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But we digress, and must return to Capt. Steele, who is, indirectly at least, responsible for all the foregoing remarks. Perhaps, when we consider the amount of work he put in as Officer i/c of Education, Library, Regimental Workshops, etc., in addition to his ordinary job of work in the Company, we may overlook the lack of *Gazette* notes this month. He will not be easy to replace. We shall miss him in many ways, and wish him the best of luck.

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The following account of the move from Cologne to Ballykinlar is from our special correspondent on the spot:—

THE JOURNEY.

The 29th January, 1926, and the days immediately following it will be remembered by all Fusiliers who were with the Battalion.

Our heavy baggage had gone. We were told it was bound for Antwerp, and thence by sea to Belfast. At any rate it had gone, and we lived in Barracks in considerable discomfort.

The transport had crawled out of Barracks at 5 a.m. on the 28th, entrained under cover of darkness, and slid away to Antwerp and, *via* Harwich, to Willesden.

The families, conducted by Capt. H. G. Steele, M.C., had been moved from their quarters on the afternoon of the 28th, had lived at the station restaurant for the rest of that day, where they were supplied with teas and suppers, and had left Cologne Main Station at 1 a.m. on the 29th. They were to go by mail train to Belfast, and were timed to arrive at Ballykinlar at 11 a.m., 30th inst. This move was carried out entirely according to the time-table.

So, on the morning of the 29th, there was just the Bn. and some 30 tons of light baggage left in Bonner Strasse Barracks. We had a busy day loading the baggage on to the two trains at Bonn Tor Station. In spite of minor difficulties, such as damaged railway trucks and shortage of accommodation, the baggage was loaded by 3.30 p.m.

At 5.15 p.m. the Drums beat Retreat, and we lowered for the last time the Regimental Flag which had flown over Bonner Strasse Barracks since the 14th July, 1922.

We moved from Bon Tor Station in two trains. Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., commanded the 1st train, and on it were "W," "Y" and "Z" Companies. This train moved off punctually at 7.20 p.m. The 2nd train, containing H.Q. Wing and "X" Company, left equally punctually at 7.55 p.m. Many old friends came to see us off. The Band of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry played on the platform during the entrainment, and as the trains moved off many Officers of that Regiment, as well as many Officers of the General Headquarter Staff, were present to bid us good-bye. And so we left Cologne.

Someone, no doubt, will write a retrospect of our three and a half years on the Rhine. It would be interesting. We had made many friends, we had seen many changes, more important still we had landed in Germany 402 strong and we left 680 strong.

The journey from Cologne to Ostende was without incident. We were a little late in arriving. The 2nd train drew up at 4.50 a.m. We unloaded the train and loaded our boat, *Princess*

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Clementine. The R.T.O. at Ostende, aided by three of our cooks, who had been sent on ahead, had breakfast ready for us. While some fed, others loaded, and *vice versa*.

The embarkation was complete by 7.40 a.m., and we sailed at 7.45. The *Princess Clementine* claims in her palmy days to have crossed from Ostende to Dover in three and a half hours. She must envy her youth as much as any of us. However, she served us well. We had a calm sea and an excellent crossing. We arrived at Dover at about 12.35 p.m. There were many things to keep us busy when we landed. There was the train to load, there were the Customs to be dealt with, there were old friends to greet, and there was lunch to get.

The Queen's had very kindly sent their cookers to the quay, so that the men could get their dinners at once. The same Regiment, equally thoughtfully, had arranged for the Officers to lunch in their Mess, and had sent cars to convey them there. The Customs showed considerable tact, and did not delay us very much.

We were met at Dover by Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland and C.Q.M.S. Woods. We appreciated very much their thoughtfulness and kindness in coming to see us. Capt. Myers, with the rear party of 10 Fusiliers, landed from the mail boat at 2.30 p.m. and joined up with the main body, and at 4.25 p.m. we steamed out of Dover in one very heavy train.

We will always associate Dover with the hospitality of the Queen's whenever we think of this journey.

According to our time-table we were due to arrive at Willesden Junction at 6.52 p.m. on Saturday, but a troop train in England is merely a form of goods train and has right of way over nothing. We therefore arrived at Willesden Junction at 7.35 p.m. Here we were met by many friends, including General Armstrong, Col. Sapte, Col. Somerville, Col. Landen, Major Garnier, Mrs. and Miss Kilgour, Mr. Morgan and two very old members of the Regiment, Mr. Dryden and Mr. Harvey, who had come from Chelsea to see their old Regiment again.

We had hurried tea, and were bustled into the train again. The horses and transport, which, as stated before, left Cologne at 5 a.m., 28th, joined us here, and we moved on. Rugby was the next stop. It was the intention of the railway authorities to stop the train outside the station, but the following paper cutting from a local paper explains how an astute railway official stopped the train at the platform, discovered a red hot coach and allowed the C.O.'s dogs to be entrained.

"TROOP TRAIN IN DANGER.

"Alert Rugby Porter's Discovery Prevents Accident.

"A troop train was saved from a serious accident, which would probably have occurred before Nuneaton was reached, by an alert porter at the Rugby L.M.S.R. station on Saturday night. His discovery was that an axle had run hot, and consequently the coach, in which 70 soldiers were travelling, was changed.

"The train was a 'special,' conveying Northumberland Fusiliers, who were on their way from the Rhine to duty in Ireland, and was scheduled to run through Rugby on the fast line. In order to pick up two dogs belonging to Col. Herbert and to give friends an opportunity of seeing the men, the train stopped at the platform.

"The discovery of the hot axle was due to the alertness of Porter Waters. He noticed a smell of burning oil, and promptly proceeded to find out the cause."

We stopped again at Stafford for a few moments, and again at Crewe, where it was again necessary to remove one carriage as the wheels were red hot.

We eventually arrived at Fleetwood at about 4.30 a.m. We began at once the old story of unloading and loading. The *Duke of Cumberland* was our boat. By 8.10 a.m. on Sunday she was loaded, and the Battalion was embarked.

We sailed at 8.15 a.m. Breakfast was very welcome, and the sea, once again being as calm as the proverbial mill pond, allowed us to enjoy it. And so to sleep about 9 a.m.

We came alongside at Belfast quay at 3.30 p.m. We were met by the Band of the D.L.I., who played us from the quay to the Belfast and County Down Railway Station.

By this time it was obvious, even to those who did not previously know it, that S.E. coaches are unable to keep up with a N.W. engine.

That march will not be easily forgotten. We had to convey our kit bags, we were tired and the crowds were enormous. However, it is not far, but we were quite ready for the tea when we got to the railway station.

We left "X" Company at Belfast, under the command of Capt. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C., to unload the boat and bring on the baggage and transport. Our train left Belfast at about 5.15 p.m. We detrained at Ballykinlar Halt at about 6.30 p.m. and marched to camp. It was pouring with rain and blowing half a gale. It was a bad march with which to finish a long journey. But our old comrades of the Rhine, the West Yorkshire Regiment, had sent their band to meet us, and for three miles under the worst weather conditions they played. We were met by Capt. Powell and members of the Advance Party, who led us to our respective lines.

We had arrived at our new station.

The Transport and the baggage party we had left at Belfast arrived in camp at 2 a.m. on Monday.

And so the whole Battalion, save its heavy baggage, was assembled at Ballykinlar Camp.

Our first impressions of Ballykinlar and North Ireland generally will doubtless be found in many places in this month's Magazine, and therefore we refrain from further writing.

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Our first impressions of Ballykinlar are favourable. It is, in most respects, the very opposite to Cologne, and therein may lie some of its charm, for after a while change is a thing much sought after by the soldier.

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Cologne was flat, enervating, and at the best a town. Ballykinlar is hilly and invigorating, and can hardly be described as a city.

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Cologne breakfasts were somewhat in the nature of a necessary evil, taken to prevent the possibility of feeling hungry before lunch time. They were not always well attended. The age of the Cologne breakfast egg was frequently doubtful: as it lay on your plate it seemed, like some baleful eye, to glare up at you as much as to say, "Eat me if you dare."

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The Ballykinlar breakfast, on the contrary, is a thing not to be missed. It is always well attended. Officers who in several years' service had hardly ever met at breakfast before, constantly find themselves together at this hour. The Ballykinlar egg is always a good one.

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In Cologne our one sports ground anywhere near the Barracks was the Barrack Square. Here we have soccer, hockey and rugger grounds on our doorstep.

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In Cologne G.H.Q. and Brigade Headquarters were ever present. In Ballykinlar . . . they are not.

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In short, although our quarters are not so good, and we are removed from the kind of amusements one gets in a town such as Cologne, we enjoy many compensations. There is no doubt that even now, when the weather leaves a good deal to be desired, we feel a great deal fitter here : we have far greater opportunities to improve in all kinds of games, and the companies are not whittled down by the demands of garrison employ. In the summer we shall have excellent bathing, and owing to the range and training area being so close, shall not have to spend the whole summer dodging in and out between camp and barracks.

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New motor cars, new horses, new dogs continue to arrive, as various people return from leave. When we are at full strength the array will be quite formidable. The latest acquisitions in cars are :—Capt. Buckley, an Armstrong Siddeley ; Lieut. Carr-Ellison, a Buick ; Lieut. Butterfield, a Rhode ; Lieut. Seth Smith, a Morris Cowley—and there are more to come.

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In spite of the fact that we have only been here a short time and are barely settled down, the following have so far been out hunting :—Major Chenevix Trench, who has just joined, after completing his tour of duty as Adjutant of the 7th Bn., Lieuts. Crawhall, Yorke, Bland, Seth Smith.

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There is also any amount of shooting to be had, the countryside being fairly abundant in snipe and duck.

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Mr. Crawhall's intrepidity in going into bogs after birds is really rather alarming, and he should not be allowed out alone !

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Considerable excitement was caused by the arrival of five whippets with Mr. Carr-Ellison. The number of aspiring owners far exceeded the supply of dogs, and the numerous enquiries as to whether any more are forthcoming leads one to suppose that the Ballykinlar kennels may soon be a big concern.

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It took us a few days to get any games going, as we had to wait for the heavy baggage to arrive. Now, however, inter-company soccer is in full swing, and promises some keen games in the various competitions.

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The Battalion football team journeyed to Omagh to play the combined Depôt of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and the Inniskilling Fusiliers in the N.I.D. Cup Competition, and won by 5 goals to 1. The first half of the game was somewhat depressing from our point of view, and the score at half-time was 1—0 in favour of our opponents. In the second half, however, the team settled down, and in the end won by a comfortable margin. The bad start was undoubtedly due to the fact that the team was playing on grass for the first time and found the conditions very different from those on a barrack square with a surface of iron.

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Between us and the N.I.D. Cup are the H.L.I., D.L.I., and West Yorkshire Regt. Our team meets the H.L.I. on Monday, 1st March, and we wish them good luck.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

On Wednesday, 10th February, the Bn. met the Durham Light Infantry in the third round of the Army Rugby Cup, and were defeated by the comfortable margin of 57 points to nil.

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We are not in any way surprised or dissatisfied with this result ; on the contrary, we feel that we have at last broken the ice as regards " Rugger " in the Bn., and as this was the first time our team had ever taken the field, the writer considers that they put up quite a creditable show against a far superior team that had had a great deal of practice. We were, moreover, without Lieuts. Kilgour and Beckwith.

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We have also found out that, since our defeat, volunteers have been pouring in from all quarters, all of whom are perfectly convinced that they can put up a far better show than we did on the day, and this is just what we want.

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The writer dares to hope that by this time next year, and with all the opportunities afforded to us by this our new station, we shall have a Company Rugby Competition in full swing and a Battalion team capable of at least holding its own against any team in the N.I.D.

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Our thanks are due to Lieuts. Forbes Watson and Carr-Ellison, of whom the former came from the Depôt and the latter from leave to assist us in our game. Lieut. Beckwith was also coming over from leave, but was unfortunately sent on a course at Hythe at the last moment and unable to get away.

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On Thursday, 25th February, we met and defeated the West Yorkshire Regt. by 9 points (3 tries) to 3 points (1 try). Tries were scored by Sergt. Chapman, Lce.-Cpl. Power and Lce.-Cpl. Naylor. The team showed promise and proved that only practice is necessary to make them quite useful as a side.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

January, 1926.

Here we are, here we are,
Right in old Bally-kin-lar.
The weather prophet, he looked down,
Across his brow a mighty frown :
" Ha ha ! here come the ' Fusiliers,'
I'll send some rain and cause them tears."
He did !

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He did with a vengeance !

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After much packing of boxes, bags, billiard tables, babies' prams, parcels, pea-flour, etc., we eventually started from Cologne.

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We got to the station at Belfast, and once again entrained for a spot called " Ballykinlar Halt." (Shades of Bordon !)

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The train wended its way through a beautiful lake district—stopped—we got out—then " HE DID."

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Good Hevings ! ! ! it rained kitbags, crates and all sorts.

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Then the Great Trek commenced. Led by the band of the West Yorkshire Regt. (to whom many thanks), we marched. It would really be more truthful to say swam.

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We saw (?) camps all along the road, and eventually arrived at ours.

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What a delightful spot ! What a glorious vision was unfolded to our admiring eyes, as we espied it at intervals through the rain drops !

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However, thanks to fellow comrades of the West Yorkshire Regt., we had a nice supper and tucked ourselves in.

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Morning came and gave us a chance to look round. On one side we have a Bay, on another those elevated mounds of earth about which writers of songs have gone into joyous hysterics.

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But, as the natives say, " it's a fine place in the summer."

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It is really and truly wonderful, though, how quickly we can settle down.

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Even at this particular moment " 'Arry 'Obbs " is sitting in the Mess expounding, as is his wont, about olden days.

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A-a-a-a-a! " them's the days ! "

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Crawley and the Orderly Room Staff, taking relaxation from their labours, have gone looking for mussels and cockles. Hence the origin of the following conversation :—

P.—" Hey ! Where's all these cockles ? "

Native.—" Be jabers ! and what is it you're after askin' me ? Cockles ! Now watch me carefully. D'ye see these holes in the sand ? Well, pick out the smallest hole, they're the best. The smallest hole. Begorrah ! it's the biggest cockle."

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Yea, verily ! But it is a hopeless task. Thrice did they go a-hunting, and thrice did they return empty of hand.

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However, if at first you don't succeed, fish again.

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" Creep " has constituted himself an arranger of " Big Game Shooting," harpooning and char-a-banc trips.

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To go back a little. Before leaving Cologne an Auction Sale was held. The articles for sale were :—Lot 1, a beautiful set of easy chairs ; and Lot 2, three real mahogany and oak tables ; and Lot 3, one chest of drawers, slightly antiquated.

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The bidding was brisk and furious, starting off with a startling bet of ninepence from the " General." After this the proceedings ran high, the chairs being sold for an average sum of 10s. each.

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Then followed the tables, they being thoroughly looked over by a little C.S.M. His name shall not be mentioned, but cast thine eyes towards " X " Coy.

Dunno' what he was after, but after C.Q.M.S. Ludford had run off with the first one, he (" X ") got the second.

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The chest of drawers went to Sergt. Locke, who at once and on the actual spot proceeded to put a crate round them.

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The wonder is, they all landed here safely !

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The topical sayings in vogue in the Mess at present are as follows, and will be easily recognised by those who say them :—

(1) " Sing us a song."

(2) " If anybody has got a better place than I have he's quids in."

(3) " Perfectly scandalous ! ! ! ! ! Thirty-seven men marched out of barracks under a lance-corporal."

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Of course, there *is* one other unfailing source for debate—*i.e.* Rain.

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Sgt. Dyke, from the 2nd Bn. and just discharged from Netley Hospital, was with us for two days, and then proceeded on leave. Good luck ! and a happy time.

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We welcome to the bosom of our familie Sergts. Speed, D'Orcy and Donovan.

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The two former came to us in reliefs of Sergts. Kirby and Haddon, who have gone to the Depôt for a tour of duty.

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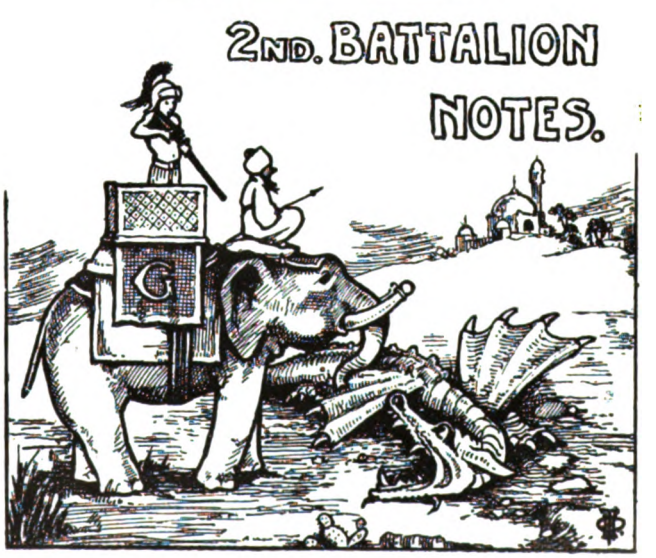
We wish them all good luck, and a successful time in their respective spheres.



FYZABAD,

20th January, 1926.

Christmas is the one and only topic for this month's notes, coming so soon from camp.

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Festivities started with Christmas Day itself, with Christmas dinners on the usual scale.

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On 26th December there was the annual Officers *v.* Sergeants Football Match. This year's game, unlike that of the 1st Bn.,

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MR. FRYER TRYING HIS LUCK AT THE "COCOANUT SHY."

was singularly free from casualties. The result, after a strongly contested game, was a draw—4 goals all. The teams were as follows :—

Officers—

Lieut. Grimley.
Capt. Hogshaw. Major Foster.
Lieut. Fryer. Lieut. Bucknall. Lieut. Martin.
Lieut. Flower. Lieut. Jenney. Capt. Cooper. Lieut. Collingwood. Lieut. Hobbs.

Sergeants—

R.Q.M.S. Atkinson. O.R.Q.M.S. Willson. Sgt. Green. Sgt. Ashton. C.S.M. Davis.
Sgt. Grace. Sgt. Bowker. Sgt. Bosworth.
C.S.M. Hodsell. Sgt.-Dmr. Brace.
Sergt. Earle.

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In the evening, "B" Company held a most successful dance. On the 28th came "C" Coy.'s Dance, followed on the 29th (a whole holiday) by the annual Fancy Fair, which by general consent was a huge success.

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Mr. Murdoch enticed over 200 to see the "Wonderful Pony and Trap"; Fus. Walton, with Fus. Butler to help, drew enormous crowds to the "Man in the Barrel"; while all the old hands, Ouzman as Coster, Brace and Bell at the "KORFEE" Stall, and last, but not least, Sergt. Jackson with his ever popular cocoanut shies, kept things going.

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Kicking and Dribbling the Football, the "Cork-in-the-hole," Baby Show—all helped to fill in the time, which was all too short, and several entertainments had to be cut out for lack of time.

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A conspicuous success was the gymnastic display given by the following team :—Sgt. Earle, Cpl. Alder, Cpl. Bolton, Lce.-Cpl. Tulip, Lce.-Cpl. Ashcroft, Lce.-Cpl. Pratt, Cpl. Cross, Fus. Cross, Fus. G. H. Smith, Fus. Redford, Fus. Bailey, Fus. McRae, Fus. McGuire, Fus. Powell.

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The British and Indian Musical Chairs (mounted on mules) and the Inter-Company wrestling on horseback drew large crowds : these events were won by Fus. Cook, "C" Coy., and Sepoy Raganath Singh, while "C" Coy. pulled off the Inter-Company wrestling.

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The shooting gallery also proved a great attraction under C.S.M. Hodsell.

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A list of winners is published elsewhere.

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A GLIMPSE AT THE RIFLE GALLERY.

In the evening the St. George's Minstrels gave a most successful entertainment.

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On the 30th, came the Corporals' Club dance, perhaps the best attended of the season; and on the 31st the dance of H.Q. Wing.

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On 1st January we had the usual proclamation parade, and in the evening the entertainment for families, which comprised tea, an 'Xmas tree, and a cinema show. "D" Coy.'s Dance is to take place later.

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On the 16th and 17th January, Major-General Franks, the new District Commander, paid us his first visit of inspection, and expressed himself as being well pleased with everything he saw. The remainder of our time this month is being fully taken up with platoon and company hockey and football, musketry, and, last (but not least), an intensive educational campaign.

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Christmas Greetings were received from the following:—Depôt, 1st Bn., 4th Bn., 5th Bn., 6th Bn.; Corporals' Club, 2nd Bn.; Col. Sandilands, Col. Platt, Col. and Mrs. A. Girdwood, Major and Mrs. K. G. Williams, Major Garnier, Major R. Auld,

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THE GYMNASTIC DISPLAY, UNDER SGT. EARLE.

Capt. A. J. K. Piggott, Capt. B. D. Tarleton, Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, H.E. the C.I.C. Sir W. Birdwood, Headquarters U.P. District, General Sir George Barrow, Col. McNamara and Staff, 19th I.I. Bdge., Major-Gen. and Mrs. C. J. Deverell, Major-Gen. and Mrs. J. H. K. Stewart, Royal 9th Battery R.A., 1st Rifle Brigade, 2nd Queen's Royal Regt., 2nd West Yorkshire Regt., 2nd K.S.L.I., 2nd D.L.I., 1st D.C.L.I., 1st Welsh Regt., 2nd Middlesex Regt., 16/5th Lancers, 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat. L.I., 3/2nd Punjab Regt., 1st Royal Garhwal Rifles, 3/4th Bombay Grenadiers, 45th Rattrays Sikhs, Major F. J. O. Hume-Wright, Capt. C. H. Adams, Mr. A. J. Hopkinson, I.C.S., Mr. E. M. Nanavatty, I.C.S., Mr. E. F. G. Chapman, I.P., Capt. Hamilton, Major N. Wilson.

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EXTRACT FROM PART II. ORDERS. January, 1926.

No. 4258835 Lce.-Cpl. H. Palmer, "D" Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 5/12/25.

No. 4261122 Lce.-Cpl. W. Stanhope, "C" Coy., appointed paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 5/12/25.

The undermentioned are appointed paid Lance-Corporals, with effect from 5/1/26:—No. 4258328 Lce.-Cpl. A. Adamson, H.Q.; No. 4256622 Lce.-Cpl. W. Armstrong, H.Q.; No. 4260468

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THE WINNING MULE AND ITS DRIVER.

Lce.-Cpl. W. Springgett, "A" Coy.; No. 6000804 Lce.-Cpl. F. Alves, "A" Coy.; No. 4260673 Lce.-Cpl. G. Pumfrey, H.Q.; No. 4261594 Lce.-Cpl. A. Birnie, H.Q.

The undermentioned are appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals, with effect from dates stated:—No. 4258658 Fus. M. Mawson, H.Q., 5/1/26; No. 4260831 Fus. J. Miller, H.Q., 5/1/26; No. 4262626 Fus. W. Munden, H.Q., 8/1/26; No. 4261662 Fus. H. Metcalfe, H.Q., 8/1/26.

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LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS, FANCY FAIR, DECEMBER, 1925.

Dribbling the Football.—1st, 5Rs., Fus. McRae; 2nd, 3Rs., Fus. Marston; 3rd, 2Rs., Lce.-Cpl. Whitthread.

Musical Chairs.—British, 1st, 5Rs., Fus. Cook; 2nd, 2Rs., Fus.

FANCY FAIR, 1925.

THE "DOG SHOW."

Lilley. Indian, 1st, 5Rs., Kalyan Singh; 2nd, 2Rs., Ram Ganeesh.

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Baby Show.—Under 6 months, 1st, 4Rs., William Green. Over 6 months, 1st, 4Rs., George Tindall; 2nd, 3Rs., Nora Evans.

Children's Races Over 8, 1st, 3Rs., May Brace; 2nd, 2Rs., A. Siddell. Other runners, 8Rs., eight other runners at 1 rupee each.

Children's Races.—Under 8, 1st, 3Rs., Marjorie Jackson; 2nd, 2Rs., Percy Earle. Other runners, 13Rs., thirteen other runners at 1 rupee each.

Arts and Crafts.—

(1) *Best Needlework.*—1st, 5Rs., Sergt. Cosgrove, V.C.; 2nd, 3Rs., Fus. Hastings.

(2) *Best Canvas Work.*—1st, 5Rs., Fus. Bell.

FANCY FAIR, 1925. BABY SHOW.
WINNING BABY OVER 6 MONTHS—GEORGE WILLIAM TINDALL.

(3) *Best Drawing.*—1st, 5Rs., Fus. Allan; 2nd, 3Rs., Fus. Mundon; 3rd, 2Rs., Fus. Selby.

Dog Show.—1st, 5Rs., Fus. Lilley; 2nd, 4Rs., Fus. Tuff; 3rd, 3Rs., Lce.-Cpl. Davies.

Best Spaniel.—3Rs., Fus. Flower.

Original Dog.—2Rs., Fus. Osgood.

Smallest Dog.—2Rs., Fus. Bennett.

Inter-Company Wrestling Match (on Mules).

Indian.—1st team, 6Rs., Raganath Singh, Mahado Singh; 2nd team, 4Rs., Rattan Singh, Ram Prasad Singh.

British.—1st, 6Rs.; 2nd, 4Rs.—names not given.

Hidden Treasure.—20Rs., Fus. Cotton.

Pony and Trap, Hidden Number.—5Rs., Lce.-Cpl. Kemp.

SPORTS NOTES.

During the past month the Inter-Platoon football and hockey

FANCY FAIR, 1925. BABY SHOW.
WINNING BABY UNDER 6 MONTHS—WILLIAM CHARLES GREEN.

knock-out competitions have reached an advanced stage. Many really good games have been provided and runaway victories have been the very rare exceptions.

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In the hockey, the Signallers (No. 17 Platoon) have already won their way into the final, and will meet the winners of the semi-final match, No. 3 Platoon *v.* No. 11 Platoon. No company accordingly can claim to have monopolised the hockey.

In the football, though well up to time, there are still 7 platoons remaining, and here again no company can claim to be outstanding. The Inter-Company Football League has also been started and matches played up to date have resulted as under:—

"A" Coy., 2 goals, *v.* "B" Coy., 3 goals.
"A" Coy., 2 goals, *v.* H.Q. Wing, 1 goal.
"C" Coy., nil, *v.* "D" Coy., 1 goal.
"C" Coy., 1 goal, *v.* "B" Coy., 1 goal.

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The League should be completed by 2nd February, so as to

leave a clear week before the Battalion Sports, which are being held on 11th, 12th and 13th February.

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All companies except one have already held their Cross-Country run, and teams are now training for the Battalion run

FANCY FAIR, 1925.
CLOWNS AND STALLHOLDERS.

on 27th January. On 17th February we send our team to Lucknow for the Brigade run, in which we confidently expect to achieve better results than last year. Having been winners of the Brigade run in 1924, we are not content to achieve third place again.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Christmas week and its adjuncts found us engaged in quite a host of festivities.

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First the Children's 'Xmas Tree and tea, on the afternoon

FANCY FAIR, 1925.
THE "COSTER" WITH HIS WARES.

of the 25th December, was a prelude to all the good things to follow.

The single members were delighted to entertain, and found pleasant fun, homeliness and happiness in their attendance on the children on this day.

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O.R.Q.M.S. Willson was a most popular President, and "Chips" Jackson as *Santa Claus* was overflowing with generosity.

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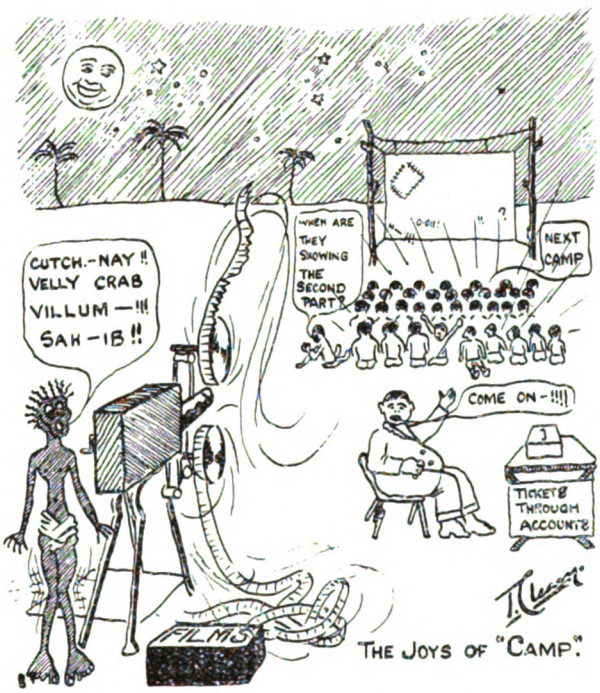
The Annual Football match *versus* the Officers, on Boxing Day, provided the usual good fun for the Battalion. The members and their families were very heartily entertained to tea by the Officers after the game. We managed to retrieve



our fortunes somewhat after last year's humiliating defeat, but despite our "stars" we failed to shine in winning vein. The final score of 4 goals each shows that we are at least in the fashion, and up to the good scoring standard of more highly appraised teams.

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In an endeavour to retrieve our fortunes we found the Officers too strong at cricket. Still, a "sitter" missed at point lost us what might have been a win with an exciting finish. We were beaten in the first innings by 20 odd runs.

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We have to congratulate Sergt. Moran on obtaining a "Distinguished" Certificate at the Army School of Signalling, Poona.

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Six applicants for summer leave to U.K. are in jubilant spirits, and during the hot weather we shall be without the following members:—O.R.Q.M.S. Willson, C.S.M. Davis, C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, Sergts. Bowker, Grace and Brown.

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Sergt. Green also leaves us on posting to the Depôt.

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Our congratulations are extended to Miss McLeod (Army Schoolmistress) on her marriage to Lce.-Cpl. Stephenson. We wish the happy couple luck and prosperity.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

20th February, 1926.

Yet another memorial has been added to the Northern wall of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in company with the memorials to very worthy Fusiliers who did so well to make our regimental traditions such a glorious heritage, either by their conscientious sense of duty whilst living or in the manner in which they met their death.

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On 30th January, a short service, conducted by Bishop Wild and Canon Newsom of Newcastle-on-Tyne, was held in the Cathedral, and the Memorial to the late Major E. S. Swaine erected by the W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers of "C" Coy., 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers, was unveiled by Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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Many old 5th Fusiliers who are now in civilian life, residing in the Newcastle district, attended the service. All the men waiting to transfer to the Reserve and discharge at the Depôt also attended.

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Among those present were:—Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.; Major R. M. Booth, D.S.O.; Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O.; Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse, M.C.; Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C.; Lieut. P. H. Earle, Lieut. R. Forbes Watson, Ex-C.S.M. Prophet, A/R.S.M. Capstaff, A/R.S.M. Tyrell, Fus. Eccleston, Fus. Patterson, Cpl. Carr, Fus. Moran, Fus. Parker, Sgt. Surtees, Fus. Conway, Fus. Hodgson, Fus. Ankers, Fus. Mullen, Fus. Duffy, Fus. Milburn, Fus. Hill, Fus. Hannah, Fus. McGine, Fus. Spark, Fus. Croft, Fus. Perrett, Fus. Rudge, Fus. A Johnson, Fus. T. Sanderson, Fus. McKernon, Fus. T. Anderson, Fus. Wannop, Fus. Burden, Fus. T. Miller, Fus. I. Jones, Fus. Gibson, Fus. Embleton, Cpl. Murray, Fus. Drydon, Fus. C. J. Wood, Fus. Baker, Fus. 27 Miller, Fus. Robson, Fus. Troman, Fus. S. Wall.

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Before unveiling the tablet Col. Sandilands gave the following address:—

"To those who did not know Eric Swaine it might seem that in my recollection of him I am being led by the emotion of the present occasion to an exaggeration of his virtues, for it can be truly said that the virtues reflected in his nature and character are rarely found combined in one man.

"But those present who were his comrades and enjoyed his friendship know that I am paying no mere formal tribute to his memory when I say that in Eric Swaine I found all the qualities necessary to my highest ideal of a soldier. Truth, courage and unselfishness were combined to a marked degree with the most unswerving loyalty to his superior, and a constant concern for the interest of those placed under him.

"Those under his command, who have placed this tablet to his memory, have paid the highest tribute which can be paid to a soldier—a record of the affection and esteem of his subordinates.

"That this should be the occasion for the meeting of old comrades who were his comrades is only fitting, but those who knew him best will realise that his wish would have been that this occasion should not be marked altogether by sadness, for sadness and melancholy were as foreign to his nature as truth and honour were its essence."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Sgt. Hebburn joined us on the 19th inst., *ex* the 2nd Bn., but ere these notes have appeared in print will be transferred to the Reserve.

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C.S.M. (Gus) Guttridge joined us from the 1st Bn., and after a stay of a few days departed and was discharged on 26th January, 1926. To him and Mrs. G. we extend our best wishes in civil life.

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Sgts. Speed, D'Orcy and Donovan have left us during the month, on completion of their tour of duty, and proceeded to join the 1st Battalion. Good luck to them with the 1st Battalion—they have earned a rest.

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Sgt. Hart has been posted to the 2nd Bn. and was to have embarked on the 12th of this month, but owing to sickness was prevented from embarkation, but before these notes appear in the *Gazette* will in all probability be on his way to join the 2nd Battalion.

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Apropos of the foregoing, the members of the 2nd Bn. will undoubtedly greet "Tommy" Hart with open arms, especially for his views on the "Shimmy" and latest "Tango."

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C.S.M. (Nobby) Clark joined us from the 1st Bn. on the 18th instant, and was sent home for discharge on completion of 21 years with the FIFTH. To him and Mrs. Clark, the best of luck. Nobby is, of course, a local authority, and in the course of his wanderings we often see him and appreciate his visits.

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Sgt. Dyke paid us a short visit *en route* to the 1st Bn. *ex* R.V. Hospital, Netley.

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Sgt. Fitzgerald proceeded on a course at the S.A. School, Hythe, on the 11th January, and we are anxiously awaiting his return for the latest ? ? ? ?

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Sgts. Merrin and Surtees have proceeded home for transfer to the Reserve.

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C.Q.M.S. (Tommy) Tudor left us on the 13th instant, on furlough pending discharge. To him the best of luck in civil life.

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Sgts. Mole, Haddon and Kirby have joined the Depôt for a tour of duty, and to them we extend a hearty welcome.

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Rumours have it that "Wer Bill" and "Kirby" are about to commence a debating society. More anon.

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
23rd February, 1926.

During the last month all Companies have continued their Classes for the Training of Section Leaders. The attendances have been very good in the case of some Companies, but poor in others. Anyhow, there is no doubt that all those who have attended the Classes regularly have greatly benefitted therefrom.

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We offer to 2nd-Lieutenants. A. S. Todd and G. B. Smith our congratulations on the result of their examination for Certificate "A," O.T.C.

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Recruiting has been satisfactory at Newburn, but all Companies are due to lose a number of men before Camp, and it is hoped that special efforts will be made to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.

THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN.

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Capt. B. Peacock, M.C., has been relegated to the T.A. Reserve of Officers, and will remain on the Reserve List of the 4th Battalion.

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It has been decided that we shall be accommodated in brand new hutted camps at Catterick for Annual Training this year. The 4th and 7th Battalions will occupy "M" Lines, and the 5th and 6th Battalions "I" Lines. From all accounts the Camps should be very comfortable with fine Institutes for the men, luxurious Sergeants' Messes and splendid cookhouses and dining halls. The prospect is altogether much rosier than would be the case if we had nothing but bell tents to look forward to.

All ranks of the Battalion will be glad to know that the C.O. (Lieut.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C.) has been granted an extension of one year in command of the Battalion.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

February has come to a close with the happy news that we need not commence the drill season until 1st April. This decision has been well thought out by the local powers, and is, of course, welcome news to nearly all Officers and N.C.O.'s.

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The date of the new commencement may probably give rise to jocular conjecture, but nevertheless the various instructors will not be caught out, so to speak, as the alteration gives them some breathing space between the congested period of winter training courses and the imminent frantic preparations for Catterick.

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We are told that in camp we are to consort with large bodies of Regular troops, and if this is so we must start a polishing-up campaign; the Company which carries off the Championship Cup will have to be particularly spick and span.

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Soon the St. George's festivities will be upon us again, and whatever else we may do, we hope at least to have a real good turn-out on Church Parade.

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Speaking of festivities and social functions, it may be as well to mention here that the Annual Re-union Ball of the Northd. and Durham Chief Petty Officers' and Sergeants' Association takes place in Newcastle on Wednesday, 24th.

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This Association does good work in bringing together N.C.O.'s of widely scattered units, and we would like to see a greater attendance of our sergeants at the forthcoming ball in support of this movement. R.Q.M.S. Connell of this detachment is the President.

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On 29th of last month Capt. Wood and Mr. McLellan attended the Dance given by Lt.-Col. W. de G. Martin and Officers, 9th Bn., D.L.I., in aid of their Battalion Sports Fund.

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The Tyne Electrical Engineers, R.E., held their Annual Ball at Whitley Bay on 5th February. We were represented by Capt. R. Wood, Mr. W. M. Gibson, M.C., and Mr. A. McLellan.

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News has reached us from the sunny South that Mr. A. S. Todd has passed his Certificate "A." He has our congratulations. He is having a very interesting time attached to a detachment of ten other ranks in a South country regiment, and seems to spend all his leisure hours watching an expert French Canadian N.C.O. strip a Lewis gun and assemble it again in the record time of 22 seconds. We can hardly believe this, but he assures us that he has seen the operation.

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Our Section Leaders' Classes are still in progress and doing well. All the junior N.C.O.'s are good learners, but there is still lacking in many cases that self-confidence which is necessary for the carrying out of the various little activities which form the happy lot of the section leader.

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By the time these notes are printed Mr. A. McLellan will have joined the happy throng of married men. He has our heartiest congratulations, and we welcome the future Mrs. McLellan to our quickly growing matrimonial circle.

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

February, 1926.

Our winter courses being now almost finished our thoughts are once more turning to the problem of getting ourselves prepared for Annual Training.

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This is not quite so easy as it sounds, when it is remembered that half of one platoon lives at Hexham (17 miles away), whilst the other half lives at Haydon Bridge (9 miles away).

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In addition to this we now have a number of men who have gone to work in South Yorkshire. These men have to be traced, and will either be discharged or other arrangements made for them.

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Recruiting has commenced, and so far we have got about half a dozen, with several more on the brink, especially at Haydon Bridge. The "Haltwhistlians" prefer to join the week before going to Camp.

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We congratulate our junior Sub. on successfully passing the examination for Certificate "A." We understand he intends to put his necessary time in at the Depôt almost immediately. When he returns we shall expect great things.

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We regret to have to record the departure of one of our stalwarts in Sgt. Davidson. He now resides in another County, and his ability as a Lewis Gun Instructor will be sadly missed. However, we wish him the best of luck in his new surroundings.

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Our efforts to win the miniature range trophies this winter met with very little more success than those of our Prudhoe Company, but the difficulties of getting the required practice are very great.

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However, we shall try again, if only for the fun of it.

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St. George's Day will soon be here, and we are already looking forward to the activities connected with it.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER,

February, 1926.

This month is marked by a very sad occurrence. Our Commanding Officer relinquishes command, and goes—perhaps only temporarily—to the Reserve of Officers, after commanding us for eight years. We are very lucky to have had him for so long a time, but that very fact only makes the final parting the more poignant.

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Brevet-Colonel Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., T.D., began his military career as a Private in the Northumberland Field Ambulance, in March, 1909, and nine months later was gazetted a 2nd-Lieut. in the 5th Northd. Fusiliers (T.A.), then commanded by Col. Saxton-White. He was promoted Lieutenant in 1911, and Captain in January, 1912, being then the youngest Captain in the British Army, being only 21 years of age. In April, 1915, Capt. Irwin proceeded to France with the Battalion, and took part in the action of St. Julians, the second Battle of Ypres, the holding of "Hill 60" during the winter of 1915/16, the Battle of the Somme in 1916, and as Commanding Officer, led the Battalion in a successful attack on "High Wood" in September, 1916. He was mentioned in despatches in 1915, and gained the D.S.O. for gallantry at Passchendale in 1917, and was granted the T.D. in March, 1925. In 1918 he commanded the Battalion during the retirement in front of Amiens, and later on the Lys front, being wounded in these latter operations. Returning to France in November, 1918, he was given command of the 18th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, his own Unit being

BREVET-COLONEL ARNOLD IRWIN, D.S.O., T.D.

out of action owing to the losses it had sustained. Col. Irwin returned to England in May, 1919.

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Col. Irwin is now only 34 years of age, so surely he should have an opportunity of continuing his military career?

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To the many past and present Officers of the 5th Battalion he will always be remembered as a brave, cheerful and lovable friend, and we all hope he will continue to keep in constant touch with us and our doings.

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We heartily welcome our new Commanding Officer, Major W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., with whom we are all already acquainted, as he comes from the 6th Bn. Northd. Fusiliers, and was Brigade-Major of the 149th Infantry Brigade for 18

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months during the war, and has acted in that capacity at Annual Training since the war. It can be safely said that there is none we would rather have to command us, as changes have to be made, than Major Anderson, and we know that the spirit of the FIFTH and the 5th Battalion will be his constant care.

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On February, the 12th, the farewell Dinner to our Commanding Officer and Major P. P. Phillips was held at the Conservative Club. Many past members of the Battalion were present. Col. Irwin, in his speech, referred to many incidents of Battalion life in the Great War, and mentioned the names of many gallant Officers, W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men who gave up their lives for the cause. He said he thought we were "apt to forget the wonderful men who died, and in forgetting, not only we, but the Battalion *esprit-de-corps* suffered." It is up to us to infuse the new soldiers with the spirit of the great past. Silver salvers, inscribed with many names of past and present officers, were presented to Col. Irwin and Major Phillips. Numerous speeches lauded the services of these Officers to the Army in general, and to the 5th Battalion in particular. The evening ended in somewhat lighter vein, as is usual with all such evenings.

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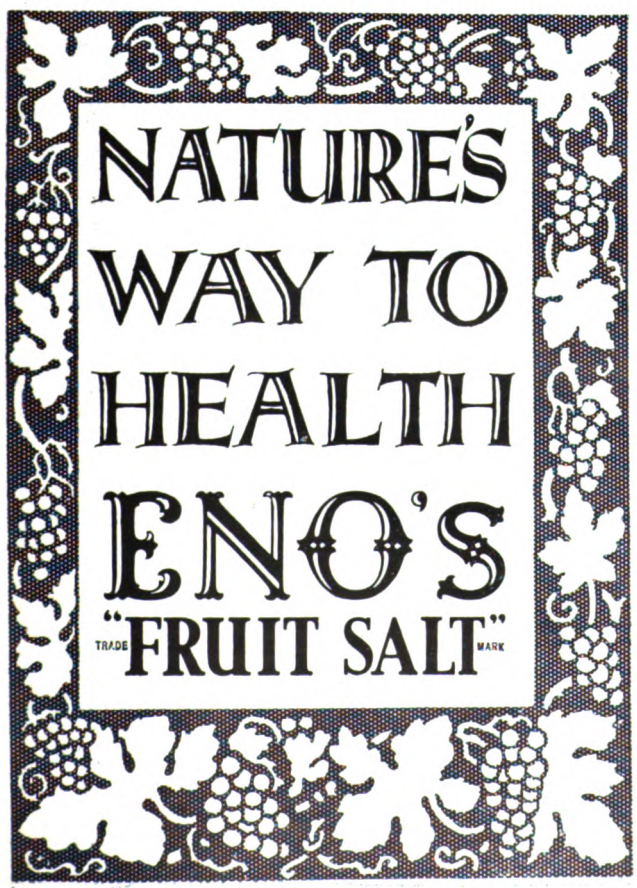
The Warrant Officers and Sergeants entertained Col. Irwin in the Sergeants' Mess at Walker, at a Smoking Concert, earlier in the month, and presented him with a beautifully inscribed silver inkpot.



7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

February, 1926.

This month has been marked by a number of "Farewell" Dinners.

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The first was held at the Central Station Hotel, Newcastle, on Saturday, 30th January—the guest of honour being Major J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O., who was being entertained on his relinquishing the Adjutantcy after his three years' tour of duty.

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There was practically a full parade of Officers, and a very enjoyable evening was spent—speech, song and story following upon an excellent repast, which had put our guest into the required frame of mind for what was to come.

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In proposing the health of our late Adjutant, Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., in a humourous speech, recalled how that when Major Trench reported at Alnwick on taking over, and knocked at the door in the Drill Hall marked "C.O.," he was astonished to find the Quartermaster, R.S.M. and Civilian Clerk the only members of the Battalion to be seen. And more so, when, in reply to his question as to when he'd see the Colonel, he was told, "Oh! In camp next June."

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That he had carried out his duties with the greatest credit was amply confirmed after the Pwllheli Camp last year, when the Battalion received the best report it had ever had in Peace time, and also attained first place in the Brigade for efficiency.

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The 7th Battalion was probably one of the most difficult to run, owing to its enormous area and the widely-scattered Company Headquarters, and Major Trench had never spared an effort to bring about that efficiency which we as a Battalion had now reached.

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He, together with his predecessor, Major Booth, had been largely responsible for the excellent relations subsisting between the Depôt and Territorial Army Battalions.

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The toast was drunk with musical honours, and while Major Trench was having a "spell" to collect his thoughts, Mr. Ledgerwood gave a Northumbrian recitation, "Oor Adjutant."

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Major Trench, in reply, said how deeply he appreciated the treatment he had received throughout his period as Adjutant, and expressed his regret at leaving us, and stressed upon the Officers the necessity of keeping up to standard. He was glad that in some measure he had been responsible for getting the right feeling between the Regular and Territorial Units—a feeling quite different to some twenty or so years ago, when the Volunteers were looked upon as "Dog Shooters."

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Another guest was Capt. H. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., our new Adjutant.

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After his health had been proposed by the C.O.—honoured and replied to—he was initiated as a "Swazi Wallah" in due form.

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Doubtless this impressed him quite as much as a certain Miniature Range we wot of!

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Another festive occasion was a Machine Gun Platoon Supper, held at ex-C.S.M. Ridpeath's "Red Lion Hotel," Berwick, on the 12th February, when the members of the Platoon bade farewell to their Officer, Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C., who is leaving for Africa shortly.

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The third Dinner was held at the King's Arms Hotel, Berwick, on Saturday, the 13th February, when the Officers gave a combined "farewell" dinner to Major H. R. Smail, T.D., and Capt. D. C. McCreath, M.C.

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The Colonel proposed the health of the two guests in a speech which, like Battalion Orders, was divided into two parts.

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Major Smail was one of the first Officers in the Battalion, having joined the Territorials on their formation, and in expressing his regret at his resignation he was only voicing the feeling throughout the Battalion He and Major Smail had served for a long time together—first at Gosforth Park and Cambois, in the early days of the war, then in France and Flanders; and since the war he had been fortunate indeed in having him as Second-in-Command. He payed a tribute to his sterling qualities and untiring efforts on behalf of the Battalion.

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In Capt. McCreath, the Colonel said he couldn't help saying he was losing one of his best Officers, and one of the most efficient Machine Gunners anyone could possibly have. He had got his Platoon up to a high pitch, and best in the Brigade. On behalf of all his brother Officers he wished Capt. McCreath all luck and prosperity in his new venture in Kenya Colony.

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Major Smail and Capt. McCreath replied in suitable words.

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One feature of the evening was the appearance of Mrs. Hilton Phillipson—the local M.P.—who honoured our gathering for a few minutes with her presence, giving a recitation, "The Middlesex Hospital"—which drew a subscription from the Mess Funds for that very deserving cause.

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The Battalion War History has now been published, and can be obtained from Mr. T. M. Grierson, Printer, Ellison Place Newcastle. Price, 10s. 6d.

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Dedicated to the memory of all ranks of the Battalion who laid down their lives in the Great War, and edited by Captain F. Buckley, this is a book that can be read and appreciated by any who were brought into touch with the Battalion during the war.

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(A review of it appears in another place.)

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Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., succeeds Major Smail as Second-in-Command, his promotion to Major having been gazetted on 21st November, 1925.

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Major Cowen is the only Officer now serving in the Battalion, who was mobilised with it on 4th August, 1914—being then Junior Subaltern.

Editorial Notes.

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Capt. F. Buckley, who has edited this work, has solved this riddle and achieved a veritable miracle in so doing. The first five pages of the book contain a short, well written summary of the history. In an appendix of some 29 pages is the unadorned, plainly stated official diary of the Battalion. In between these, like the jam in a sandwich, are a collection of narratives of events, written by those who witnessed them, mostly at or near the time of their occurrence. These narratives are collected in chronological sequence, and their writers are indicated in each instance. They describe impressions as well as events, and are written in the blunt language of the Trenches. To one who knows from experience, they breathe the atmosphere of the life "out there." The discomforts, the dangers, and above all the spirit of indifference to these things which was the hall-mark of the English soldier in the Great War.

To a student who lacked the experience, the work is an inspiration. By tracing the impressions of any of the contributors from the beginning to the end of the war much may be learned. We would quote one example of this. On the 24th April, 1915 (H.L.) writes: "Coming round a corner, we caught our first sight of what war means. . . . Two horses and the driver were lying dead in the road. I do not think the dead man worried me much, but the two dead horses nearly made me sick." On the 12th November, 1918, the same contributor (H.L.) wrote: "I did not write yesterday, because for one thing the war suddenly stopped, and for another we had to clear out of our billets. . . . It feels strange, almost uncomfortable, to have no guns going off."

Did space permit, we could write much more in praise of this ingeniously planned history, but we commend it to readers who love a human story, be they soldier or civilian. To those who served with the 7th Bn. or who are keen on Regimental Bibliography no recommendation is needed. Besides the history, the book also contains a number of illustrations, and a Roll of Honour is appended, as is also a nominal Roll of the Marching-out state in April, 1915.

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While on the subject of history we beg to call the attention of all readers to an announcement which will appear in the

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March number as to proposals for collecting materials for writing a war history of the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

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ARMY RESERVE.

No Training this Year.

War Office,
12th February, 1926.

An Army Order states that there will be no training during 1926 for Sections "B" and "D" of the Army Reserve.

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War Office,
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SPORT IN THE FIGHTING SERVICES.

February, 1926.

FOOTBALL.

Army Cup—Semi-Finals.

Fixtures have been arranged as follows :—2nd Leicesters *v.* 2nd Rifle Brigade, 2nd S. Staffs. *v.* 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers. Both matches will be played on the Central Command Ground, Aldershot.

International Army Tournament—Triangular Contest.

The final game will be played at Stamford Bridge on Thursday, 18th March, when the British Army oppose the Belgian Army. This will be the first time since the tournament was instituted that one of the games has been played in London.

Prices of admission, inclusive :—Enclosure, 1s. ; Ring Seats, 6d. ; Stands, 2s. and 5s. Tickets to be purchased before the day of the match from the Hon. Sec. A.F.A., Room 446, War Office.

RUGBY.

Army Cup—Semi-Finals.

An All-Welsh Final. The 1st Bn. Welsh Guards and the 1st Bn. S. Wales Borderers have qualified to meet in the final. The Guards met the K.O. Royals at Chatham in one semi-final and won by 13 points to 8. In the other semi-final the S. Wales Borderers beat the 1st Gloucesters at Exeter by 21 points to 0.

Service XV. Records.	Pld.	W.	L.	Points For	Points Agt.
Army	4	2	2	67	35
R.A.F.	6	1	5	22	70
U.S. (Portsmouth) ..	27	9	15	289	350

Internationals.

Mention must be made of the sterling play of Aslett and Young, both of the Army XV., when chosen for England against France. Much of England's victory can be credited to Aslett's sound judgment and Young's brilliance and accurate kicking.

ATHLETICS.

Aldershot Command Cross-Country Championship.

Run over a heavy course of 4½ miles, and attracting the huge entry of 372 competitors. This total represented 31 teams, and counting nine a side, the 2nd Rifle Brigade won with 456 points, 1st Devons being second with 527 points. Sergt. Wilson, 2nd East Lancs., was first man home, in 25 mins. 46 secs., with Pte. Wakefield, R.A.M.C., second.

FENCING.

Four-Weapons Services Match.

Annual match between the Army and R.A.F. Fencing Unions at Bertrands resulted in the Army reversing the decision of last year by recording wins in three events and scoring 19 victories against 17. The fencing throughout was of a very high standard.

RACKETS.

Army Doubles Championship.

At Princes Club. Won by the holders for the second year in succession, Lieuts. G. Scott-Chad and J. Duckworth-King, of the Coldstreams, beating Mr. J. Cheney and Mr. C. Wilson, of the K.R.R., by 4—2 (15—4, 15—6, 18—16, 4—15, 14—17, 15—10). The match was an unexpectedly close one, and might have been very much closer if the losers had had any real luck—in the matter of winning, for instance, aces from mishits on the wood—in the third game.

The following example of phonetic American-English, for which we are indebted to the proprietors of *Life*, the American equivalent of *Punch*, is well worth working out :—

Lessons in New Yorkese.

Poetry.

"Well, cannabil leemee eyes Tessie! Chagot unnaya awm?"
"Owello Mae. Sa book."
"Sa book fagunnessakes? Cha gettit?"
"Inna liberry."
"Whattizzit deerie sumpin snaappy?"
"Nowittaint snaappy. Sa booka potry."
"Cha mean potry? Howtamake jugsan jarsan bowls annat junk?"
"Voises yassap voises."
"Osa booka voises. Chasayso. Givvus alook attit, Tessie."
"Dobe givvinyaseffa branefeeva now."

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" Chaworry kid. . . . Olissenna this——
' Innexna doodid Koobla Kohn
Astaley plejjadom degree :
Were Ralpha scared rivvaran— ' "
" Ostoppit Mae fatha luvvapeet ! Stearabil."
" Wellen heresa fois wunninna book——
' Summerizza cumminnin,
Loudsing kookoo . . . ' "
" Youseddit ! Isayits kookoo."
" Chawanna getta bookfa inna foisplace ? "
" Ididin getta booka goilinna liberry gimmeit."
" Wellya astferrit didincha ? "
" Ididnawt ! Isez tathagoil gimme agood booka potry anshe gimme this herenow ' The Awxfid Booka English Voise.' Anbeleemee Imgointa takeit backan tell her afew."
" Whawas yawantin abooka voisesfa anniehow ? Yin luvva sumpin ? "
" Soitinlynawt ! Fiyam snobuddy's bizniss neetha."
" Wellya musta wantida booka potry awya woodena gottit."
" Yareely wantaknow fawhatta gottitfa Miss Snozey ? "
" Well, I know yamusta gottit fasome reezin."
" Izzat so ? Wella gottit becawsa thawtit wood helpme tawrite awinnin annsa inna limmerick contest ! "

HENRY WILLIAM HANEMANN.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Capt. H. C. Hall having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers (dated 21st March).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

2nd Lieut. H. S. Maughan to be Lieutenant (dated 1st September, 1925), with sen. 4th February, 1925.

MEMORANDUM.

Quartermaster and Lieut. F. Wombwell, M.B.E., Northd. Fus., is granted the rank of Captain (dated 31st March, 1926).

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—C. D. Bennett (late Officer Cadet, Durham University Contgt., Sen. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 6th March).

5th Bn.—Hon. Col. D. R. MacDonald, T.D., vacates the appointment of Hon. Colonel and retains his rank, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 3rd March).

5th Bn.—Lieut.-Col. (Bt.-Col.) A. Irwin, D.S.O., T.D., is retd. on completion of tenure of command and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform (dated 22nd February); Capt. (Bt.-Major) W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., from 6th Bn. North'd. Fus., to be Lieutenant-Colonel (dated 22nd February).

6th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. C. B. Gillespie to have precedence as from 18th December, 1924 (dated 17th March).

7th Bn.—Lieut. T. Ledgerwood to be Captain (dated 21st November, 1925).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR CAMP,
March, 1926.

The outstanding event of the past month has undoubtedly been our success in the North Ireland District Team Boxing, which we won after a close contest with the D.L.I. Although a separate account of it appears elsewhere in this number, the writer feels that it would not be amiss here to convey to the team and its trainers the congratulations of the remainder of the Battalion on its performance.

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It was really refreshing to see the determination with which every representative tackled his job, and in particular the last round. And whilst congratulating the team we should also congratulate Mr. Carr-Ellison and thank C.S.M. Farrell, of the Army P.T. Staff, for his enthusiastic assistance in coaching them, and Cpl. Ross for the able manner in which he carried out his work as second. It is not too much to say that it was largely due to the assistance of the two last named that our team entered the ring in a better state of physical fitness than they have done for some years.

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The meeting between ourselves and the H.L.I. in the semi-final of the N.I.D. Football Cup Competition, to which reference was made in last month's *Gazette*, resulted in our being defeated 2—0. In many ways, perhaps, our team were unlucky. They were certainly in the H.L.I. half more than the H.L.I. were in ours. On the other hand, the H.L.I. forwards undoubtedly combined better and always looked dangerous when they got moving. The H.L.I. had the advantage of playing on their own ground, and appeared to be more at home on the heavy surface than our team did. On the day's play they were slightly the better side, but our team tried hard till the very end, which is the great thing in a losing game.

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By the time that this number of the *Gazette* is in print the N.I.D. Bronze Medal Tournament will have been held. We have at the moment bayonet fencers and two tug-of-war teams in training, and have hopes that some of them at any rate will bring off a further success for the Battalion.

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Next month begins the Champion Company Competition for the year, and both Company Football Leagues will be busy.

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Owing to the move from Cologne, and to the long period when the ground was under snow, it was found impossible last winter to complete the programme, and it was accordingly decided to award the championship on musketry results alone. Under this arrangement "X" Company became Champion Company, the placings of companies being as follows:—

	Rifle and L.G.	Revolver.	Total.
"X" Coy.	40	6	46
"W" Coy.	20	3	23
"Z" Coy.	10	10	20
"Y" Coy.	0	0	0

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This year we should have no difficulty in getting through the full programme, including, we hope, inter-company rugger, which has not in the past been played owing to lack of facilities in Germany.

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News has just reached us that we are to move to Holywood next winter, and the general feeling is that if we must move, we have not done badly, though many of us would have preferred to have stayed another year at Ballykinlar, with its excellent facilities for training of all kinds. However, we shall undoubtedly be in better quarters, and, for those that like them, such amusements as Belfast can offer will be within easier reach.

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Those of us who have been fortunate enough to get out hunting have had some very good sport. The type of fences is new to most of us, being for the greater part stone walls and banks. However, the East Down Harriers is a very sporting pack, and the members do everything to make us feel at home.

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The Point-to-Point season has now commenced, and the first meeting is on the 27th. A full account of it will appear in our next notes. As far as we are concerned the event of the afternoon will be the Military Race, open to Officers serving in the N.I.D. The race has attracted some fourteen runners, four being from the Regiment—*i.e.*, Mr. Yorke, Mr. Seth-Smith and Major Chenevix Trench, whose two horses will be ridden by Mr. Crawhall and Mr. Macmuller, their owner having walked the course. (The 1st Bn. Sub-Editor would like to disclaim any responsibility for this last, very insubordinate suggestion, and the blame must rest upon the Bn. Hunting Sub-Sub-Editor.) Mr. Seth-Smith is also running his horse "Canbuttry" in the members' race.

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A draft, 29 strong, arrived from the Depôt on the 10th and was posted to "Z" Company.

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Col. Herbert, Major Chenevix Trench, and Mr. Crawhall were invited earlier in the month to a reception at Stormont Castle to meet Mr. Winston Churchill when he paid his visit to Belfast, and later Col. Herbert, Major Chenevix Trench, Mr. Crawhall and Mr. Butterfield went to an "At Home" at the Castle at Hillsborough, given by the Duke of Abercorn.

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Capt. Rusbrooke has gone to hospital for an operation, and we are glad to say that he is reported to be making excellent progress. We hope to see him back again by about the end of April.

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Capt. Braddell has returned from leave, and straightway doffed his bowler in favour of a tin hat for Company training.

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Congratulations to Capt. and Mrs. Buckley on the birth of a daughter.

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Mr. Stockley, Mr. Whelan and Mr. Clarke have joined from the R.M.C.

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It may be of interest to publish the head of game we have killed in the shooting season of 1925–26 :—

379 partridges, 125 hares, 5 rabbits, 13 duck, 27 snipe, 8 various—total, 557 head.

BOXING NOTES.

The Northern Ireland Boxing Team Championships and Individual Championships were competed for at the Victoria Barracks Central Gymnasium, Belfast, on 10th, 11th and 12th March, 1926.

The winners of team weights were automatically placed in the semi-finals of the Individual Championships on the last night.

The 1st Bn. Fifth Fusiliers entered a complete team of 3 Officers and 8 Other Ranks, as well as 5 individual competitors —a roll of whom is attached below :—

OFFICERS.

Catch-Weight.—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison.
Middle-Weight.—Lieut. W. P. Jones.
Welter-Weight.—2nd-Lieut. R. S. N. Clarke.

OTHER RANKS.

Catch-Weight.—Fus. C. W. Stockton, " Y " Coy.
Light-Heavy-Weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, " Z " Coy.
Middle-Weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, " Y " Coy.
Welter-Weight.—" A "—Cpl. Roper, " Y " Coy.
Welter-Weight.—" B "—Fus. Colley, H.Q. Wing.
Light-Weight.—Fus. Vinton, " W " Coy.
Feather-Weight.—Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, " X " Coy.
Bantam-Weight.—Fus. Dick, " Z " Coy.

INDIVIDUALS.

Welter-Weights.—Fus. King and Fus. Sharpe, H.Q. Wing.
Light-Weights.—Fus. Guest, " X " Coy. ; Fus. Travis, " Y " Coy.
Feather-Weight.—Fus. Buttery, " Y " Coy.
Team coach and second—Cpl. Ross, " Z " Coy.

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In spite of several members of the team and individuals having only just returned from leave, the team was selected as soon as possible, and were started off on a vigorous course of training under S.M. Instructor of P.T. Farrell, under whose guidance and enthusiasm they soon arrived at a state of physical perfection which enabled them to go all out for the duration of three two-minute rounds. We thank S.M.I. Farrell for all the hard work he put in, in connection with the training of the team.

All entered into the training with zest, and especially Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullen, who trained continuously until the day of the competition, and whose place was taken by 2nd-Lieut. Clarke on account of his extra long reach.

All the competitors and Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullen and Cpl. Ross travelled to Belfast on the 9th March, and were attached to the 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry for accommodation and rations till the 13th March.

Thanks are due to the 68th for the way we were accepted into the fold as old friends, and we hope to be attached to them in the near future for the Bronze Medal Tournament.

The fighting throughout the competition was keen and above the normal standard, and we were adjudged the winners of the Team Championship after drawing with the 68th, with 31 points all, on account of the FIFTH winning five finals of weights to the 68th four finals, the two remaining finals going to the 1st Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. and 1st Bn. H.L.I. respectively.

Thanks are due to Cpl. Ross for the manner in which he looked after the team and the excellent work he put in as second, which helped materially our success. The Challenge Cup and Medals are most worthy trophies, and as rumour has it that Holywood is our next station we hope to be able to score two more victories in the following years, thereby winning the Challenge Cup outright.

A short précis of each bout affecting Fusilier competitors is recorded below :—

Semi-Finals—Light Heavy-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Bishop, West Yorkshire Regt., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, 5th Fus.

This was a short fight with Stobbert trying for a knock-out towards the end of the first round ; he knocked out Lce.-Cpl. Bishop with a right swing to the jaw. 2 points.

Top Row.—Left to right—Fus. Vinton, Fus. Stockton, Cpl. Roper, Fus. Colley, Lce.-Cpl. Naylor.
Second Row.—Cpl. Ross, Lieut. Jones, Lieut. Carr-Ellison, 2nd-Lieut. Clarke, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart.
Bottom Row.— Lce.-Cpl. Farthing. Fus. Dick.

Semi-Finals.—Heavy-Weights.

Cpl. West, H.L.I., *v.* Fus. Stockton, 5th Fus.

This was a splendid bout, with Stockton, who is short and thick set, fighting a tall and heavier man. At first West managed to keep Stockton out, but by the end of the first round was beginning to show signs of fatigue. At the second meeting Stockton outboxed his opponent and landed several good hard punches, and was very aggressive and scored heavily to the body. In the last round Stockton stuck to his job and scored freely with both hands, eventually winning by a large margin of points. 2 points.

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Officers' Welter-Weights.

Lieut. Colville, H.L.I., *v.* Lieut. R. Clarke, 5th Fus.

This was fought at a brisk pace, with Clarke scoring freely with a good, straight left. Colville, although giving height and weight away, fought pluckily through the three rounds. Clarke continued to score with both hands and won on points.

2 points.

Officers' Middle-Weights.

Lieut. W. P. Jones, 5th Fus., *v.* Lieut. Kirby, D.L.I.

The first round was fought at a tremendous pace, with both Officers hitting hard and each landing frequently with very little to choose between them. In the second round Jones shook his man with a straight left, followed by a step in with his right foot and straight right to the points, but Kirby refused to be beaten and stood his ground in spite of very heavy blows. Round three saw both Officers still fighting fiercely, and Jones well on top but unable to knock out his plucky opponent.

2 points.

Officers' Heavy-Weights.

Lieut. Folkard, D.L.I., *v.* Lieut. Carr-Ellison, 5th Fus.

These two were fairly evenly matched, and Carr-Ellison found it hard to penetrate his opponent's defence. Both landed frequently and each took severe punishment.

In the second round Folkard got in some heavy blows on his opponent's head and body, but Carr-Ellison towards the end of the round had made up these arrears of points.

At the third meeting Carr-Ellison forced the pace and kept his opponent on the defensive, and landed a succession of right handed blows to the body and head and just gained the verdict on points. 2 points.

Middle-Weights.

Pte. Owens, H.L.I., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, 5th Fus.

Naylor started in very aggressive and soon was scoring heavily, combining clever boxing with good straight hitting. In the second round he delivered a series of body punches, followed by a right hook to the jaw which knocked out his opponent.

2 points.

Welter-Weight—" A."

Cpl. Roper, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Telford, D.L.I.

Both men were evenly matched and the boxing of a very high standard. All through the first round each man scored frequently and made several openings. At the second meeting both men came up fresh, and Telford had a slight lead on points. At the last meeting Roper scored quickly with both hands, and was unlucky not to receive the verdict, but the judges disagreed and an extra round of one minute was announced. Both men went in and Telford gained the verdict. This was a splendid demonstration of sound judgment and clean, hard, straight hitting by both men. 1 point.

Welter-Weights—" B."

Fus. Colley, 5th Fus., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Quinn, West Yorkshire Regt.

Colley started rather wildly, but soon landed on his opponent and kept on the offensive, and k.o. his opponent with a couple of right-handed blows to the point. 2 points.

Light-Weights.

Fus. Vinton, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Morrison, H.L.I.

This was a close and evenly contested bout, each man doing a lot of backing and straight hitting. Vinton kept on the offensive and proved himself slightly the better boxer and was up on points at the end of the first round. In round two he went further ahead and shook his opponent with a right cross to the point, but could not break down his opponent's defence.

In the third round both men boxed cleverly, and some good blows were exchanged. Vinton was awarded the verdict, and the Referee congratulated both men on their fine clean hitting bout. This may be Fus. Vinton's last appearance in the ring fighting for the Regiment, as his Colour service expires next month, and we wish this keen, sturdy sportsman who has represented the Regiment in the Light-Weights for the last five years, every success in civilian life. 2 points.

Feather-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Reid, D.L.I., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, 5th Fus.

Both men boxed cautiously in the first round, and Reid had a slight lead on points. Lce.-Cpl. Farthing did better in the second round, but his punches lacked sting. At the third meeting Reid assumed the offensive and won by a good margin of points. Lce.-Cpl. Farthing must attack more and get more power behind his left leads. 1 point.

Bantam-Weights.

Pte. Hornby, West Yorkshire Regt., *v.* Fus. Dick, 5th Fus.

At the commencement of the first round Hornby got in two quick body blows, followed by a jab to the jaw which floored Fus. Dick.

The Referee disallowed the points gained by Fus. Dick, but in the writer's opinion he received a knock-out blow and was most unfortunate in having this decision given.

1st night's total	18 points.
D.L.I.	19 ,,

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INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Welter-Weights.

Fus. King, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Baguley, H.L.I.

This was a hard-fought bout, King using a most effective straight left, but rather weak in defence. He has improved greatly and should do well with a little more experience. Baguley gained the verdict on points.

Light-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Brewater, R.C. Sigs., *v.* Fus. Travis, 5th Fus.

The first round saw Travis putting in a lot of good boxing, and Lce.-Cpl. Brewater was down on points at the end of this round. In the second and third rounds Travis got in some nice clean hitting and was the winner on points.

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Fus. Guest, 5th Fus., *v.* Sgt. Youngson, H.L.I.

Guest has a nice style and has improved enormously since November and boxed confidently in all three rounds and scored freely with both hands and won on points.

Feather-Weights.

Rfm. Orr, R.U.R., *v.* Fus. Buttery, 5th Fus.

Both men boxed well, and Buttery, although giving away weight, hit powerfully and with judgment. Rfm. Orr was the stronger man and won at the end of three rounds on points.

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TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS. *Finals.*

Officers, Heavy-Weights.

Lieut. Carr-Ellison, 5th Fus., *v.* Lieut. Bloxan, West Yorkshire Regt.

This was a short fight, with Lieut. Carr-Ellison forcing the pace and k.o. his opponent at the end of the first round. 2 points.

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Officers, Middle-Weights.

Lieut. W. P. Jones, 5th Fus., *v.* 2nd-Lieut. Campbell, H.L.I. This fight lasted three rounds, with Lieut. Jones well up in each round and doing most of the attacking; he has a good, powerful left and used it to the best advantage, eventually winning by a good margin of points. 2 points.

Officers, Welter-Weights.

Lieut. F. H. Simpson, D.L.I., *v.* Lieut. R. Clarke, 5th Fus. This lasted three rounds, with Simpson pressing and landing the more frequently. Clarke, who has a good defence, kept his opponent out with left leads, and Simpson won a good fight on points. 1 point.

Other Ranks—Heavy-Weights.

Cpl. Curry, D.L.I., *v.* Fus. Stockton, 5th Fus. These men were both middle-weights and evenly matched, and fought for three rounds displaying a good knowledge of boxing combined with hard hitting. Cpl. Curry was the stronger man, and Fus. Stockton found it hard to penetrate his powerful defence. Cpl. Curry was adjudged the winner, and Fus. Stockton must be congratulated on his fine performance. 1 point.

Light Heavy-Weights.

Pte. Bain, H.L.I., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Stobbert, 5th Fus. Stobbert had the advantage of reach and weight and boxed with confidence during the first round. At the second meeting it was obvious that Stobbert meant to k.o. his man, which he did after 1 minute of the second round. Unfortunately in so doing he damaged his right thumb and was unable to fight in the Individual Championship the following evening. 2 points.

Middle-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Cowell, D.L.I., *v.* Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, 5th Fusiliers. Naylor opened confidently and looked all over a winner, eventually knocking out his opponent at the end of the first round with a left followed by a powerful right to the point. 2 points.

Owing to a damaged hand Naylor was unable to compete in the Individual Competition the following evening.

Welter-Weight—"B."

Fus. Colley, 5th Fus., *v.* Pte. Gray, D.L.I.

Colley opened well and appeared to be waiting to deliver a knock out, but was unable to force the pace sufficiently during the first round.

At the second meeting he side-stepped a rush by his opponent and delivered two quick k.o. punches which won the fight. 2 points.

Damaging his wrist as a result of this fight, Colley could not take part in the Individual Competition the following evening.

Light-Weights.

Pte. Raynolds, D.L.I., *v.* Fus. Vinton, 5th Fus. This was an interesting fight, with Vinton appearing to be up on points. Raynolds, however, came up at the last meeting fresh and knocked off his arrears of points, and was adjudged the winner of a close fight. 1 point.

Totals:

5th Fusiliers	31 points.
D.L.I.	31 ,,
H.L.I.	20 ,,
West Yorks. Regt.	10 ,,

Welter-Weights.

Fus. Sharpe, 5th Fus., *v.* Signlr. Howden, R.C. of Sigs. This was a short fight, Signlr. Howden landing a knock-out blow early in the first round.

Light-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Hall, R.U.R., *v.* Fus. Travis, 5th Fus. Hall was the most experienced boxer, and Travis did well to last out the three gruelling rounds. Hall won on points.

Semi-Final.—Light-Weights.

Lce.-Cpl. Hall, R.U.R., *v.* Fus. Guest, 5th Fus. Guest ran Hall to a very even finish, and only lost through the greater experience of his opponent. He has the makings of a first-class Light-Weight.

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Owing to the unavoidable absence of Major-Gen. F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Challenge Cup and Medals were presented to the winning team by Lt.-Col. A. E. Irvine, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry. In his speech, Lt.-Col. Irvine on congratulating the winners and the runners-up, drew attention to the fact that both these units shared the same Depôt at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He made special mention on the high standard of boxing maintained throughout the competition.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The "Ides" of March have past and gone, and still all is A1.

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The correspondent has just returned from leave and finds Ballykinlar a changed place in many respects.

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Gone are the long faces and woe-begone looks which betokened "heavy baggage," etc., to be moved. Summer is here, and everyone is happy and joyful.

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The Mess has gradually developed from a number of bare rooms into a very comfortable little haven.

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Events have been occurring with great frequency.

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On Saturday, 6th March, a Social Evening was held in the Mess.

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There was dancing to the strains of the "MESS BAND."

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A competition in the nature of a game of Blow-Football was also held. This took place, in the first instance, between two teams of ladies—"The FIFTH" *v.* "The West Yorks."

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The FIFTH won, and the team was presented with a handsome box of chocolates.

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Mind you, if it had not been for Mrs. Humphreys they would not have won.

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I am given to understand that for tremendous blowing power and ferociousness, this lady was absolutely unbeatable.

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The gentlemen also played and won.

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Saturday, 13th, was the occasion of another Social Evening.

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It was also a tremendous gamble, as far as the ladies were concerned.

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They indulged in a wonderful game known as " Roll-em-up."

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It happened thus-wise.

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A number of coins were placed along the baulk line of the billiard table. At the other end was a cigar-box resting on the cushion.

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The game was to roll pennies down this box and cover the coins on the line.

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The winner to take two-thirds and second player one-third of the proceeds.

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After a great deal of pleasurable excitement the winner turned out to be Mrs. Hobbs, followed as a close second by Mrs. Locke.

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A game for gentlemen followed, for which there was no prize.

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But the excitement ! ! ! Oh ! 's terrible.

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Along then came St. Patrick's Day, which we capped by holding a Whist Drive and Dance in the Garrison Gymnasium.

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It is a place admirably suited for such functions, and this one turned out to be a great success.

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Whist commenced at 8 p.m., and fifteen hands were played. It was an unusual Whist Drive in so far that the three winning gentlemen each had a score of 114.

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The winners were as follows :—

Ladies.	*Gents.*
1st, Mrs. Speed.	1st, Sgt. Baker.
2nd, Mrs. Williams.	2nd, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Gate.
3rd, Miss Morgan.	3rd, Sgt. Whitford.

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Light refreshments were served, after which dancing commenced.

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The attendance was good and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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Congratulations are due to the very hard-working committee, which consisted of Sergts. Crowley, Smart and Hunt.

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A Social Evening was again held on Saturday, 20th. The Mess Band again provided delightful dance music.

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During the evening more competitions were introduced. Ladies had to guess the number of peas in a bottle. They all had a go -they racked their brains—they brought all their mathematical proficiency to the fore. Some said this—some said that - some said t'other.

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However, there were actually 103 peas in that bottle.

The winners were :—

1st Mrs. Peppiatt (105).
2nd Mrs. Johnson (99).
3rd Mrs. Macdonald (108).

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Not to be outdone, the gentlemen proceeded to get their own back by way of a hat-ma! ing competition, for which the ladies acted as models.

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There was much laughter caused by this merry game. One or two strips of paper and a mouthful of pins is not a great deal to make hats with.

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The judging was done by a neutral lady, Mrs. McDonald, who found it a difficult task and had to call in assistance.

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The winners and models were as follows :—

1st	Sgt. Johnson	*model*	Mrs. Peppiatt.
2nd	Sgt. Blakey	,,	Mrs. Blakey.
3rd	Sgt. Donovan	,,	Mrs. Windram.

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Sgt. Donovan's effort was really a magnificent piece of artistry. It only had one fault—there was no top to it.

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These affairs were very bright and homely, and were the means of passing many a happy hour.

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The instigation and the successful running of these affairs is due to our worthy Bandmaster, Mr. Windram and Sgt. Crawley, to whom many thanks are due.

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We created a record in the Regiment by the great number of Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

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Here is another record : " Our Own Mess Band " eight strong.

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" The Sergeants' Mess Jazz Band " (of which we must again announce that " six " are in possession of the L.S. and G.C. Medal).

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On 19th March there was a football match—Officers *v.* Sergeants. Oh ! it was a great game—plenty of the joy of spring sort of thing !

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Our goalkeeper was a marvel, while the outside-right—oh ! ! there's no flies on him.

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U'p and down the wing, like a streak of lightning. Kicking here—kicking there—kicking everywhere. Still, all said and done, " he wasna sae bad."

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The result was a win for the Sergeants by 5 goals to 4, although at one time it looked an impossibility because the Officers held a lead of 2 goals for a long time.

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However, we did win, Sgt. Cogan scoring 4 goals and Sgt. Hunt 1.

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Team :—

C.S.M. Watson.
Sgt. Baker. Drm.-Maj. Hebbron.
Sgt. Blakey. Sgt. Walsh. Sgt. Chapman.
Sgt. Swain. Sgt. Cogan. Sgt. Peppiatt. Sgt. Hunt.
Sgt. Smart.

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Sgt. Dyke has just returned from six weeks' leave looking fit and ready for work.

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Sgt. Greaves has returned from his course at Hythe.

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Sgt. Moore is on a Course at Netheravon.

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Sgt.-Major G. Pullan, D.C.M., is at present enjoying a well-earned leave.

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On the 11th and 13th of February we had two Heavy-Weight events.

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On the 11th, C.Q.M.S. Scally (Paddy) was promoted to W.O. II. Coy. Sergeant-Major. A very popular promotion, and with it goes the heartiest congratulations of all members of the Mess.

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(I am told that on the appearance of Pt. II. Orders some younger members were heard to whisper, "Another one up the roll.")

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On the 13th, he was presented with a son, Matthew, weight 10½ lbs. Mother and son doing well.

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Heartiest congratulations, Paddy.

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Congratulations to Sgt. Swain on his marriage, which happy event took place at Newcastle-on-Tyne. It came as a very great surprise to everyone. The knowledge came with the receipt by the single members of a large wedding cake.

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A very thoughtful and good action on "Denton's" part, and an action which was thoroughly appreciated.

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A Billiard Tournament is at present in progress. Results will be published in next issue.

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The winner of the Billiard Cup for 1925 was Lce.-Sgt. Hobbs. He desires me to state that he does not want details of the game published. (One is naturally led to wonder.)

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By the time these notes are in print St. George's Day will again be upon us.

It is two years since we held a St. George's Ball, but, with a little luck, we hope to celebrate this year in true style.

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We take this opportunity of sending to all Fusiliers past and present, our very best wishes for a Happy Day.

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NOBLE DEED ON BALLYKINLAR SANDS.

While taking a stroll along the seashore at this famous health resort, a member of the Mess was the means of averting a terrible catastrophe.

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A horse—ha ! ha !—taking the bit in its mouth, charged along the sands at a terrific speed. On its back was a fair maiden.

"Help me ! ! Oh ! save me ! ! ! " cried she, hanging on like grim death.

Springing forward, like a true gallant, this member bravely grasped the reins and gradually brought the terrified animal to a standstill.

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Blushing, he received the stammered thanks of the grateful lady.

FAGOTTO.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

As no Corporals' notes have been published during the last six months, readers will no doubt have begun to think that Corporals have been dispensed with in the 1st Bn. ; but such is not the case. Here we are again, all alive and kicking.

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Our new members are too numerous to mention individually, but to all we extend a hearty welcome.

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We arrived at Ballykinlar among the (wee bit) drizzle that was falling, and after we got dried we found that the sea air of this camp would not allow us to have the sleep we were accustomed to in Cologne (when not on manœuvres).

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Inspections of the Mess in Cologne were conspicuous by their absence, and we got a rude shock the other day.

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A certain authoritative N.C.O. has pinned a few notices on the notice board, and the Mess has begun to look more homely.

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During the month a party, under the commander of the Sanitation Army, moved to Downpatrick to try their hand against the yokels who follow in the footsteps of Newman and Smith.

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Their prowess is the talk of the district, and the unweildy efforts of Sanitation General and his army caused the yokels tears.

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Below we publish our first efforts at Billiards in the Green Isle. Our thanks are due to John Morton and his team for the game they gave us and the excellent supper and sing-song which followed.

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Each day we hear rumours of dances, whist drives, etc., but nothing happens.

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Cpl. Mathewson and Lce.-Cpl. Watson have left us for a tour of duty at the Depôt, and Lce.-Cpl. Short, after a very short stay at the Depôt, has come hurrying back to the crowd.

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CORPORALS, 5TH FUS., *v.* DOWNPATRICK.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.		DOWNPATRICK.	
Cpl. Thompson ..	.. 143	Mr. J. Morton ..	.. 150
Lce.-Cpl. Graham	.. 115	Mr. D. Gilchrist	.. 150
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart	.. 92	Mr. H. Orr ..	.. 150
Lce.-Cpl. Smart ..	.. 91	Mr. P. C. Reay ..	.. 150
Lce.-Cpl. Terry ..	.. 71	Mr. F. Leathem	.. 150
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Downpatrick won by 238 points.

REGIMENTAL PEPYS.

March 5th.—Arrived this daye at Ballykinlar Campe, after a plaguey pestilentialle crossynge of the Irish Sea, the which did upset me mightilie; indeed I do find from this and other voyagynges that this is but a poor form of travell for which I have no stummick whatever. So on by traine to a playce some three miles or so from campe, and thence to the campe in crazy motor buss.

My quarters I do find poor and precious draughtie, and what did displease me not a little was to find no wardrobe or occasional cupboard provyded, which does seem parsimonious beyond measure in a standynge campe of the nature, but fear the loud and everlastynge cry of the taxpayers at home must be the cause; and indeede it does appear that these very vociferous taxpayers are suche a precious unenlightened lot of featherheads, for whenever there does aryse any question of economisynge in the nation's finance, straightway they go a-frenzied to lessen the monies spent on our fightynge forces, whereas it does appeare to me that so small a percentage of the total nationalle expenditure does now go to our armie (in all about four per centum); they might well turn sometimes in other directions to make their economies instead of always and forever nigglynge and nagglynge over the troops, which puts me in mind of Mr. Kipling's wordes when he so rightlie sayes:—

> "It's Tommie this, and Tommie that, and Tommie, how's your soulle?
> But it's 'Thank-you, Mr. Atkins,' when the drummes begin to rolle."

Poor fooles of taxpayers! I do believe that with a very few exceptions they have not in realitie an idea of a tithe of how the nation's money is allotted sayve upon the armie and navie.

With these and such like thoughts to looke arounde the campe and find it in other respects well enough, fine bracynge air, the sea close by, and the country and mountains a welcome change from the drabness of Colonne, altogether mightie pleasant, and so am I rejoiced that it is not within these taxpayers' power to remove the air and sea and mountains, for of a suretie were it so would they take them all away as being needless luxuries.

On my way meet with Sir Norman Crawtholme, my lord Ivapole, and others, all in high goode humoure, with their birdynge-pieces going a-fowlynge.

To bed, after a double Schnapps to keepe out the colde, but Lord! to see the price of it after Colonne! So do I fear I must needs discover some other and less extravagante means of wardynge away coldes and ills, though doubtynge much the efficacie of aught else, and certain too of being at a loss to discover anythynge as comfortynge.

March 10th.—Came this afternoone a mightie sickenynge roarynge and splutterynge and bangynge, as I sat in my quarters readynge, which did not a little vex and distress me. And as the din drew nearer and nearer so did it increase in intensitie until methought this must trulie be one of our very oldest flyinge machines in sorrie plighte as to its works, and, grately fearynge it might be fallynge on the verie building, rushed out in some alarm to escape the disaster. So it was that with some surprise I did discover the pestilentialle hubbub to be caused, not as I had suspected by some decrepitte flyinge machine, but by a grotesque lookynge vehicle which was at that minute a-bouncynge and a-boundynge and a-roarynge across the square, and as it did draw nearer perceived it to be all tricked out in silver paint with glarynge, blatante red winges, so that it was only by the fact of its possessynge four wheels that I was enabled to recognise it as some freakish design of motor carre; whereupon, animated by those feelynges of curiositie which do never fail to stir human beings to view some new monstrositie at close quarters, whether it be the world's fattest woman at the circus, or Siamese Twins, or such like, I approached the hideous contraption to examine it more closelie. Whom should I find at the wheele but Sir Clarence Clergies, and, what seemed silliest to me, next to the mightie sillie appearance of the thynge was that he should be sittynge and drivynge on the floore of it, havynge no seat to speak of, whereby I was grately perplexed at the manner of it, and could not help wonderynge how it came about that Sir Clarence did not see it to be as ridiculous to dryve a carre from such a posture as it might well be to sit upon the floore to play the pianoforte; still more grately did I wonder how such a very inoffensive person as Sir Clarence could by any manner of means reconcile himself to purchasynge or being seen abroad in so mightilie offensive a vehickle.

March 11th.—This nighte journeyed to Belfast for to see the final bouts in the boxing tourney, and never for many a daye do I find myself in such merrie stayte as this nighte finds me in for our fellowes did battle with such spirit and to such purpose as to win the championship from all the other regiments takynge part. Trulie was it a nighte of thrilles, for first it was Sir J. Bones a-tusslynge with an officer of the 71st Foot, again Sir Cuthbert Ellison makynge prettie short work of one of the 14th Foot, who seemed to me more bulke than beefe or braines, whilst Mr. Stob and Mr. Nailer dealt out blowes to their adversaries which I warrant me they will well remember for many a daye, not to speak of the doughtie deedes of such as Messrs. Stock, Rowpen, and Collie, and others.

With all these doinges was I filled with pride that such a brayve team should be found from amongst us; altogether a most prettie, enjoyable evenynge it was, and arranged well and with thought, the referee a caypable sort of fellowe who showed a prettie knowledge of the art.

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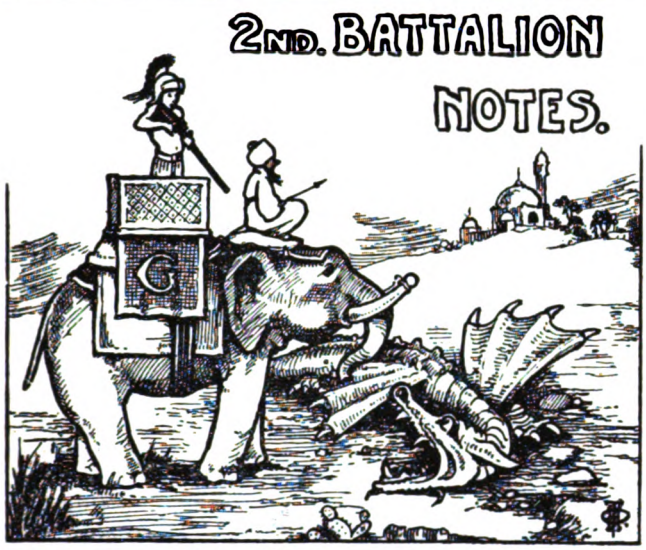

FYZABAD,
18th February, 1926.

Games and Sports have been our chief occupation since our last notes.

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Results of football and hockey up to date are as follows :—

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INTER-PLATOON HOCKEY KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

(*Final.*)

No. 11 Platoon " C " Coy., 3, *v.* No. 17 Platoon (H.Q.), nil.

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INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

(*Final.*)

No. 15 Platoon " D " Coy., 5, *v.* No. 16 Platoon " D " Coy., 2.

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INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE—RESULTS.

Coy.	Pl'd.	Won.	Lost.	Dwn.	Goals. For.	G'st.	Pts.
" A "	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
" B "	4	2	1	1	5	7	5
" C "	4	–	1	3	1	2	3
" D "	4	3	–	1	9	2	7
H.Q.	4	–	3	1	2	6	1

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INTER-COY. CRICKET RESULTS TO DATE.

" C " Coy. *v.* H.Q. Wing—H.Q. Wing won by 1 wicket.
" A " Coy. *v.* " B " Coy.—" A " Coy. won by 92 runs.
" A " Coy. *v.* " C " Coy.—" C " Coy. won by 7 runs.

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Two successful duck shoots have been held. The first, got up by Mr. Hobart, I.C.S., the Deputy Commissioner, from 14th to 17th January, was most successful. Col. and Mrs. Kershaw and Capt. Hogshaw attended for the first two days, and Capt. Hogshaw, Major Foster, Grimley and Martin for the last two days ; the bag for the four days amounted to 198 duck and teal and included one goose.

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On 24th January, eight of us shot the Milkipur Jheels. The results exceeded all expectations and beat our previous record for one day : 181 duck and teal, 1 peacock, 1 pigeon, 1 quail and 3 snipe.

On 28th, 29th and 30th January, the Annual Rifle Meeting took place, the results of which are given elsewhere. It is satisfactory to record that each successive year the scores necessary to get into the prize list have grown higher ; while the value of the " pool bull " continues to diminish. The pool bull at 400 yds. was this year worth Rs.4/13/– as against Rs.9/–/– last year.

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Lieut. Pringle rejoined from leave during the month ; Lieut. Ingledew, on vacating the adjutancy, has been re-posted to the Battalion.

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Major Athill leaves for England next month on leave pending retirement ; Major Foster and Lieut. Fryer go on leave home this month, and Capt. Plummer and Cooper a little later.

(N.B.—Since writing the above notes, we see from *The Statesman*, that " Major O. B. and Mrs. H. J. Foster " embarked per s.s. *Ranpura* on 13th February. This paper also informs us that " the Rt. Hon. Viscount and Valet Inchcape " sailed in the same ship. It is not altogether clear whether this is another case of the " New Poor," or merely the spread of democracy in the East.)

MILKIPUR, 27TH JANUARY, 1926.
SOME OF THE PARTY AND BAG.

We hear Major Critchley-Salmonson is shortly to join us ; also Capt. Edgeworth Johnston.

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Lt.-Col. Kershaw has been to the artillery practice camp at Kutwa for a fortnight : he motored all the way (over 200 miles) —quite an adventure in itself in these days of " District Boards " and " Indianised " roads, but he got there at the cost of seven tyres. The roads have deteriorated in quite a remarkable way since 1922–23, when they were handed over to District Boards composed entirely of Indians : many roads are now almost impassable even to bullock carts.

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On 2nd February we were inspected by General Sir George Barrow, C.-in-C. Eastern Command. The Bn. was inspected in Battle Order, with a subsequent march past in fours ; later a platoon selected by the C.-in-C. carried out a tactical exercise, the victims in this case being Lieut. Grimley and No. 9 Platoon of " C " Coy. We are given to understand that all went well.

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The Battalion Cross-Country run took place on 27th January. This competition had previously been won by "C" Company for the previous five years, and "A" Company were rumoured to be putting up a strenuous effort to beat them. A good run resulted, however, in another win for "C" Company by a comfortable margin in spite of creditable efforts of "A" and "B" Companies.

BATTALION CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.
THE START.

The results were as follows:—

1st.	"C" Coy.	363	points.
2nd.	"A" Coy.	474	,,
3rd.	"B" Coy.	567	,,
4th.	"D" Coy.	695	,,
5th.	H.Q. Wing	751	,,

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On 18th February, the Brigade Commander, Col. A. E. McNamara, carried out his annual inspection. He inspected the Battalion on parade, followed by a march past. In the evening he watched the Drums beating "Retreat."

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On the 20th, a Sports Meeting was held with the 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat. Regt. We succeeded in winning all events except the mile and the tug-of-war.

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Mr. Flower has gone to Lucknow to act as Orderly Officer to the Brigade-Commander, and Mr. Pringle has gone to Ambala on a Veterinary Course.

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On 8th February, our polo team, consisting of Capt. Hogshaw, Mr. Grimley, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Martin, with Capt. Cooper as reserve, went to Lucknow to compete in the polo tournament for the 15th Hussars Cup. Unfortunately we did not repeat our success of last year by winning the subsidiary.

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In the 1st round the Welch Regt. beat us by 7 goals to 3, and in the subsidiary the 4th Hussars "B" beat us by 6 goals to 1. It must be realised that of last year's victorious team, only Capt. Hogshaw remains, and that the three other members are new to tournament polo.

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A larger station might improve our polo, as at Fyzabad our team can get no practice against good players.

The past month has been much occupied by the various football, hockey and running competitions. In the inter-platoon hockey knock-out, the final was won by No. 13 platoon who beat the Signallers by 3 goals to nil. The inter-platoon football found 2 platoons of "A" Company competing against 2 platoons of "D" Company in the semi-finals, the latter being in both cases successful. The final between Nos. 15 and 16 platoons resulted in a win for the former by 5 goals to 2.

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The Inter-Company Football League has also been concluded, leaving "D" Coy., the only unbeaten side, head of the League, with "B" Coy. and "A" Coy. placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

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On 27th January, the Annual Bn. Cross-Country run was held, over the same course as last year. "C" Company again proved winners, and thus retain their record of many years' standing. "A" and "B" Coys. were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

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On 17th February, the Brigade Cross-Country run was held in Lucknow, and was again won by the Lincolns with the D.C.L.I. second and ourselves third as last year.

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The outstanding event of the month, so far as games are concerned, is undoubtedly the success of our Battalion football team. As winners of the Brigade Competition in the Murray Cup, the team proceeded to Meerut at the beginning of the month, where they came through as District Champions, having beaten the Welch Regt. by 4 goals to 3, after playing extra time. In the semi-final they met the South Wales Borderers, winners in the Delhi Independent Brigade, and once again proved their superiority, winning by 2 goals to 1. The final is to be played probably in Lucknow, at an early date, and our confidence of winning the Cup is very much in the ascendant.

"C" COMPANY 2/5TH FUSILIERS.—WINNERS "BN. CROSS-COUNTRY SHIELD," 1925–26.

Accounts of the two matches played are given below:—

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* THE WELCH REGT.

The above game was played on the Brigade Ground, Meerut, on the 12th February, before 3,000 spectators, who witnessed a splendid game of football, it being freely remarked that it was one of the finest games ever seen in Meerut. From the start to the finish the game was exceedingly fast throughout, both teams playing clean football.

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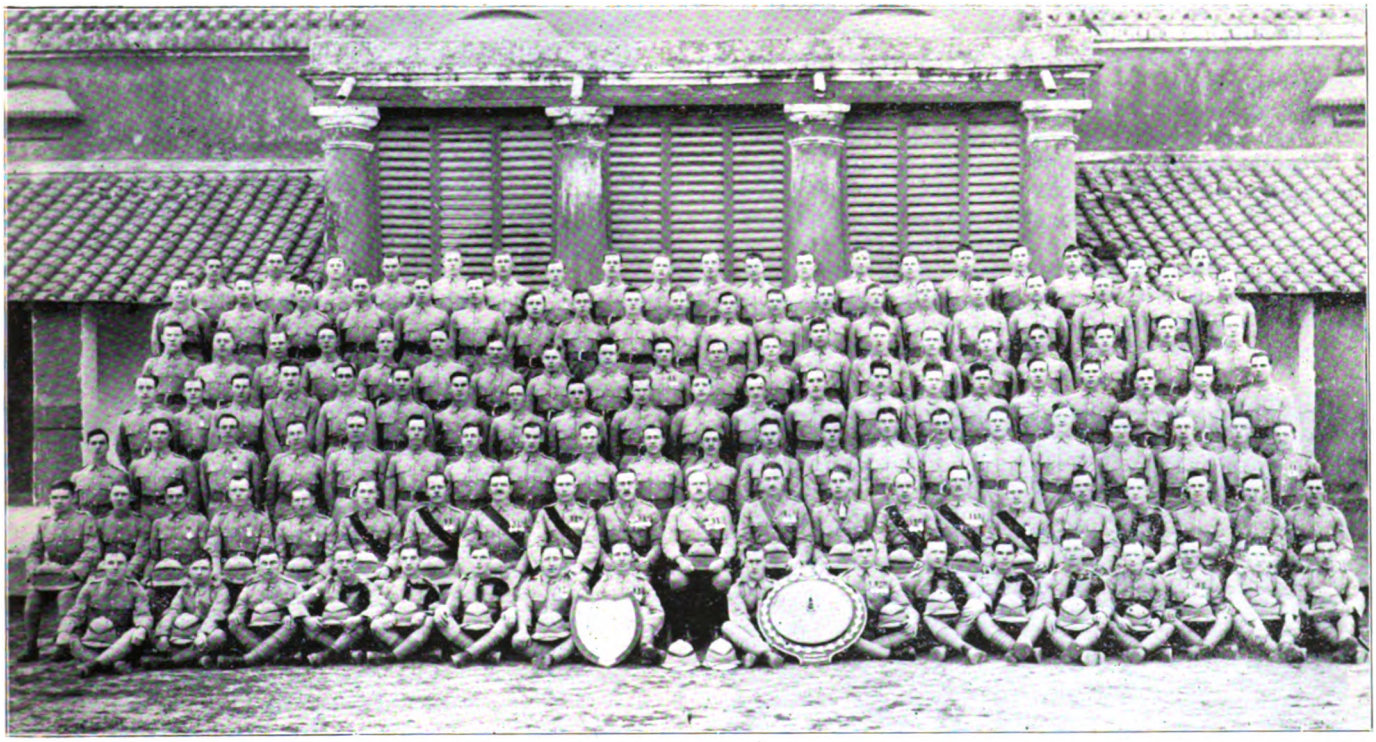
Ten minutes from the start, Trower received a pass from Palmer and sped down the line, placing a well-judged centre to Brooks, who neatly headed in, thus opening the score for the FIFTH. Following this the Welch pressed, but did not succeed in finding the net, owing to the stubborn defence put up by the opposing backs, Graham and Jennings. Another dash by the FIFTH found Clayton in possession, and with a splendid drive he gave the goalkeeper little chance; unfortunately three forwards were off-side and the goal was disallowed. The Welch again pressed hard, indulging in long passing, and after having beaten the half and backs, Morgan scored a smashing goal, thus equalising for the Welch.

During the next quarter of an hour frequent attacks were made on both goals, and during a scramble in front of the Welch goal Brooks again headed in, but yet again the Referee disallowed owing to "off-side." From the kick-out Burns neatly trapped the ball and drove in a shot which the goalkeeper just managed to tip over the bar. From the corner kick Brooks again got his very useful head to it and put the ball into the corner of the net. For the remaining ten minutes play remained in the Welch half, and the half-time whistle sounded with the score—Fifth Fusiliers, 2; The Welch Regt., 1.

On resuming the Welch pressed, and gave McGiven a very busy time, the latter being loudly applauded for the many brilliant saves he made. After seven minutes Johns made some very clever moves, and amid tremendous applause from the assembled spectators scored a fine goal, bringing the score level. From the kick-off Johns again made a brilliant rush through and scored, putting the Welch in the lead. This seemed to put life into the FIFTH, who played dashing football, and were unlucky in not finding the net with repeated efforts on the part of Brooks and Gillon. With only three minutes to go, it certainly looked as if the honours would go to the Welch, but Gillon received the ball from Burns, and after some very tricky dribbling, tapped through to Brooks, who gave the goalkeeper little chance. In the remaining two minutes both teams strove hard to find the net, but the final whistle sounded with the score—Fifth Fusiliers, 3; The Welch Regt., 3.

After a break of five minutes the teams lined up to play the extra time of ten minutes each way—this, amid much excitement from the spectators. The play was even faster than previously, and cheers went up when Burns obtained the ball from Gillon, sped down the line and neatly centred to the waiting forwards; what appeared to be a certain goal was spoiled by Robins handling. For this a penalty was awarded, and in taking the kick Palmer struck the cross-bar. On the rebound the ball had not touched an opposing player, and a free kick was given against the FIFTH owing to Palmer again playing the ball. The play remained in mid-field until the change-over whistle sounded. In the final half, McGiven gave a splendid display of goalkeeping, and was loudly applauded for the many driving shots he saved. With five minutes to go, the FIFTH pressed hard, and during a tussle in front of the Welch goal, Robins again handled, thus giving the FIFTH another penalty. This time the kick was taken by Graham, who made no mistake in putting the FIFTH in the lead. During



"C" COMPANY, 2ND BN. 5TH FUSILIERS.

CHAMPION COMPANY, 1925–26, AND WINNERS OF BATTALION SHIELD.

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the remaining few minutes the FIFTH very wisely relied entirely on defence, Graham and Jennings making some splendid clearances. In a final effort the Welch were unable to equalise, and a thrilling game ended with the score—Fifth Fusiliers, 4; The Welch Regt., 3.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.—McGiven, Graham, Jennings, Smith, Palmer, Turner, Burns, Gillon, Brooks, Trower and Clayton.

WELCH REGT.—Hayman, Land, White, Atkins, Griffiths, Robins, Morgan, Mercer, Johns, Battersby and Humphreys.

Referee—Cpl. Carter, The Devons.

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Having won the District Final, this qualified the FIFTH for the Semi-Final of the Cup. In this we were drawn against the South Wales Borderers, and the game was played on the same ground on the 17th February. In the game against the Welch, Trowers received a nasty kick and was unable to turn out, his place being taken by Phillips. Turner, in the meantime, had been admitted to hospital with boils, but he came out on the morning of the game, and was able to take up his position, in spite of the painful "objects" on his neck and arm.

A strong wind was blowing, and this rather affected the play. The FIFTH won the toss and took advantage of the wind.

From the start the FIFTH took control of the game, and after some clever passing by the forwards, Gillon passed to Clayton, who scored a fine goal 12 minutes after the commencement of the game. Following this, play remained very even, there being nothing to choose between the two teams. The half-time whistle sounded with the play in mid-field and the score—Fifth Fusiliers, 1; South Wales Borderers, 0.

The second half proved to be more exciting, both teams

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WINNERS OF A.R.A. SPOON AND BADGES, IN L.G. SECTION COMPETITION, REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING, 1925–26.

Fus. Murphy. Fus. McGuire.
Fus. Elrod. Cpl. Boon. (Platoon Commdr.) Lce.-Cpl. Thompson. (Section Commdr.)

playing with more vigour. After five minutes the Borderers pressed hard, and from 20 yds. out Pearce drove in a shot which McGiven was unable to get at, and so brought the score to 1—1. The game livened considerably after this, and the FIFTH pressed time after time, narrowly missing through

No. 5 PLATOON, "B" COMPANY.

WINNERS, INTER-PLATOON COMPETITION, REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING.

Left to Right.—Top Row—Fusrs. Ouzman, Brown, Nicholson, Walker, Pearson, Roome.
Second Row—Fusrs. Jamieson Challis, Jones, Buckle, Kennedy, McKie.
Third Row—Fusrs. Gooding, Carney, Bell, Cain, White, Tennant, Stevens.
Sitting—Lce.-Cpl. Ferguson, Cpl. Maddison, Sgt. Cosgrove, V.C., Cpl. Faid, Lce.-Cpl. Thompson, Lce.-Cpl. Hawkins. (Platoon Commdr.). Lce.-Cpl. Sumpter. Fus. Lynch.

Brooks and Gillon, who gave Sprudd, the Borderers' goalkeeper, plenty of work. From a kick-out the Borderers made some clever manœuvres and forced a corner. In clearing, McGiven was knocked-out, and it took quite a minute to bring him round—Gillon rather amusing the spectators by his method of "bringing round a knocked-out man." Play again remained even, both sides making fruitless raids. With 15 minutes to go, Brooks obtained, and very neatly dribbled the ball through the opposing half-backs and passed to Clayton who, in turn, tapped to Gillow, the latter driving in a shot which gave Sprudd no chance.

For the remainder of the game the play was in the Borderers' half, and the final whistle went with the score—Fifth Fusiliers, 2; The South Wales Borderers, 1.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.—McGiven, Graham, Jennings, Smith, Palmer, Turner, Burns, Gillon, Brooks, Phillips and Clayton.

S.W. Borderers.—Sprudd, Jones, Woods, Davison, Kelly, O'Connell, Newton, Pearce, Pegg, Morley and Walton.

Referee—B.S.M. Gaskin, Royal Artillery.

REGIMENTAL RIFLE MEETING, 1926.

1ST DAY.

COMPETITION 1. *Range*, 300 *yds.*

CLASS I.—Winners, Lce.-Cpl. Ripley, Fus. Burrell (*tie*); 2nd, Fus. Phillips, Lce.-Cpl. Lye, Fus. Kalaher, Fus. Cairns, Fus. Edgar (*tie*).

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CLASS II.—Winner, Fus. Carlton ; 2nd, Fus. Knotts ; 3rd, Fus. Taylor ; 4th, Fus. Venables, Cpl. Cross, Fus. Whiley, Lce.-Cpl. Woodhouse, Lce.-Cpl. Alves (*tie*).

CLASS III.—Winner, Sgt. Grace ; 2nd, R.Q.M.S. Atkinson ; 3rd, Sgt. Dalby ; 4th, C.S.M. Beck.

CLASS IV.—Winner, Major Foster ; 2nd, Capt. Plummer ; 3rd, Capt. Hogshaw ; 4th, Lieut. Maynard.

CLASS V.—Winners, Subadar Pirthipal Singh, S. Jariam Singh (*tie*) ; 2nd, S. Putoo Singh, S. Baliunt Singh (*tie*) ; 3rd, S. Ramgarib Singh, Hav Amrit Singh (*tie*).

2ND DAY.

COMPETITION 2. *Range*, 400 *yds.*

CLASS I.—Winner, Cpl. Young ; 2nd, Fus. Wright, Fus. Burrell (*tie*) ; 3rd, Cpl. Richardson, Fus. Jones (*tie*).

CLASS II.—Winners, Fus. Venables, Bdmn. Winn (*tie*) ; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Stanhope, Fus. Ward (*tie*).

CLASS III.—Winner, C.S.M. Beck ; 2nd, Sgt. Arkwright, C.S.M. Hodsell, Lce.-Sgt. Bosworth (*tie*).

CLASS IV.—Winner, Capt. Chipper ; 2nd, Capt. Hogshaw ; 3rd, Lieut. Clifford.

CLASS V.—Winner, Hav. Amrit Singh ; 2nd, S. Ramgarib Singh ; 3rd, S. Puttoo Singh.

3RD DAY.

COMPETITION 3. *Range*, 500 *yds.*

CLASS I.—Winner, Fus. Edgar ; 2nd, Cpl. Young ; 3rd, Fus. Cairns, Fus. Wright, Fus. Wild (*tie*).

CLASS II.—Winner, Bdmn. Hayter ; 2nd, Fus. Fish, Fus. Chisholme, Cpl. McPhee, Cpl. Green (*tie*).

CLASS III.—Winner, Sgt. Brown, Sgt. Womack (*tie*) ; 2nd, Sgt. Earle.

CLASS IV.—Winners, Lieut. Jenney, Major Foster (*tie*) ; 2nd, Lieut. Fryer, Lieut. Collingwood (*tie*).

CLASS V.—Winner, Ramgarib Singh ; 2nd, Puttoo Singh ; 3rd, Ramdeo Singh.

POINTS TOWARDS COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	H.Q. Wing.
1st Day	17.25	16.50	15	17.75	15
Rifle Section Competition	10	5	—	15	20
2nd Day	15	14.50	14.50	18.75	16
3rd Day	20.25	20.50	18.25	22	21.25
	62.50	56.50	47.75	73.50	72.25

CHAMPION COMPANY.

"D" Company .. winners of Championship Cup.

RIFLE SECTION COMPETITION. (1ST DAY.)

Section.	Coy.	Score.	Total.	Place	Points for Coy.	Prize Awarded.
No. 2	"A"	5				
No. 3	"A"	4	20	3rd	10	No. 6 Section—Share of 2nd and 3rd Prize— Rs.10 8 -
No. 1	"A"	3				
No. 6	"A"	8*				
No. 1	"B"	5				
No. 6	"B"	6	19	4th	5	
No. 9	"B"	6				
No. 13	"B"	2				
No. 1	"C"	5				
No. 6	"C"	4	17	5th		
No. 9	"C"	5				
No. 13	"C"	3				
No. 1	"D"	5				
No. 5	"D"	8*	25	2nd	15	No. 5 Section—Share of 2nd and 3rd Prize— Rs.10 8 -
No. 9	"D"	7				
No. 14	"D"	5				

Section	Coy.	Score.	Total.	Place	Points for Coy.	Prize Awarded.
Band	H.Q.	5				
Signals	H.Q.	10*	26	1st	20	*1st Prize—Signals, Rs.28/-/-
Machine Gun ..	H.Q.	4				
Drums	H.Q.	7				

LEWIS GUN SECTION COMPETITION. (2ND DAY.)

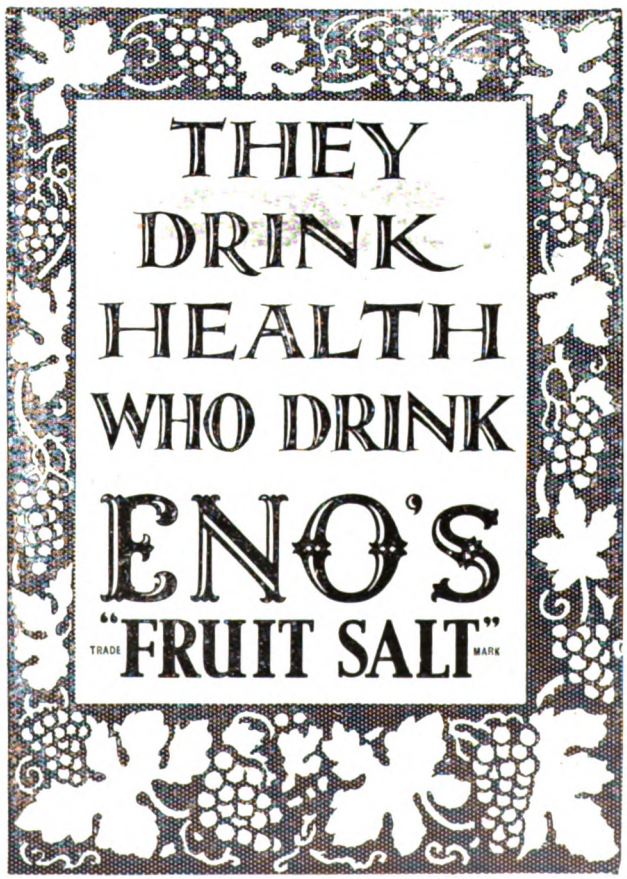
"A" Coy.		"B" Coy.		"C" Coy.		"D" Coy.	
4 Sect.	75	4 Sect.	67	4 Sect.	24	4 Sect.	53
8 ,,	46	8 ,,	30	8 ,,	42	8 ,,	83
12 ,,	81	12 ,,	62	12 ,,	51	12 ,,	97
16 ,,	10	16 ,,	*115	16 ,,	56	16 ,,	37

No. 16 Section, "B" Coy., winner of A.R.A. Spoon and Badges—
Platoon Commdr. Cpl. G. Boon.
Section Commdr. Lce.-Cpl. Thompson.

BUX ELAHI (PLATOON) COMPETITION. (3RD DAY.)

"A" Coy. .. .. 88 hits	× 3=264	Total points, 252
No. 4 Platoon .. Deduct targets not hit	1×12= 12	
"B" Coy. .. .. 104 hits	× 3=312	Total points, 312*
No. 5 Platoon .. Deduct targets not hit	×12= —	
"C" Coy. .. .. 81 hits	× 3=243	Total points, 219
No. 10 Platoon .. Deduct targets not hit	2×12= 24	
"D" Coy. .. .. 100 hits	× 3=300	Total points, 264
No. 15 Platoon .. Deduct targets not hit	3×12= 36	

No. 5 Platoon, "B" Company, winner of Cup for this event—
Platoon Commdr. Sgt. Cosgrove, V.C.



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MACHINE GUN (SUB-SECTION) COMPETITION. (2ND DAY.)

No. 1 Sub-Section	.. ..	nil points.	
No. 2 ,,	.. ..	36 ,,	
No. 3 ,,	.. ..	nil ,,	Rs.16 for team.
No. 4 ,,	.. ..	12 ,,	

BEST AGGREGATE OF CLASSES I., II., III. AND IV.

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Best score ..	C.S.M. Beck	"D" Coy.	Gold Centre Medal.	13+18+13=44
2nd best score	Cpl. Young	"D" Coy.	Silver Medal.	18+16+ 9=43
3rd best score	Fus. Burrell	"A" Coy.	Silver Medal.	15+14+14=43

POOL BULLS.

	No. pf Pool Bulls.	Amount received.	Amount paid out per Pool Bull.
1st Day	42	Rs.175/-/-	Rs.4/2/-
2nd Day	36	Rs.174/-/-	Rs.4/13/-
3rd Day	55	Rs.177/-/-	Rs.3/3/-

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The following members left us during the month of February to sail, per H.T. *City of Marseilles* and H.T. *Nuuralia*, for

Photo] [*Sgt. Parkin*

BANDMASTER STEFFAN WITH 22 FT. CROCODILE, ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER GOGRA.

Summer leave to United Kingdom:—O.R.Q.M.S. Willsom, C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, Sgts. Bowker, Grace, Brown and Lce.-Sgt. and Mrs. Beatty.

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We hope that Russian boots will not prove too enticing for the single members, and that they will return to join the fold without that "encumbrant" look which usually accompanies the return of the wanderer.

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The Bandmaster, C.S.M. Hodsell, Sgts. Parkin, Dalby and the "Tiffy" have been on the Shikari trail of late, and some good bags have been forthcoming. Nilghi, duck and abundant "various" have fell to their bag, and quite heaps of congrats. from the dining members of the Mess.

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The good ship *Chota Marglen* is now plying the waters of the River Gogra, and available for afternoon fishing excursions. Proprietor and ship's captain, "E.V.A." Engineer "Tiffy." Boatswain, A.B. and general errands, "C.D."

The Rifle Meeting produced some happy results, but the penalty on the grand aggregate is still due.

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Sgt. and Mrs. Ingham and Sgt. Corkin rejoined from U.K. All looking very well and pleased to be with us again.

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Our congratulations are extended to R.S.M. Brocklesby on his marriage, which took place in England recently.

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Sgt. Larkman becomes the proud possessor of a 1st Class Education Certificate, with a "Distinguished in Mathematics." The Q.M. Stores have been duly warned to take measurements for the necessary increase in size of headgear.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd March, 1926.

There are no outstanding events to record this month. October Squad, after a successful career both in soldiering and sport, have gone to the 1st Battalion, where they created a good impression on their arrival. Since their departure we have now only three Squads here, with little chance of any more being formed for some time.

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By the time these notes are published, November Squad will

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FIRST WEEK OF TRAINING.

also have gone to the 1st Battalion, leaving only January and December Squad here for St. George's Day.

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Mr. Bennett and Mr. Forbes-Watson passed their "Practical" promotion examination at Harrogate on the 10th instant. Congratulations to Mr. Bennet on achieving a "D."

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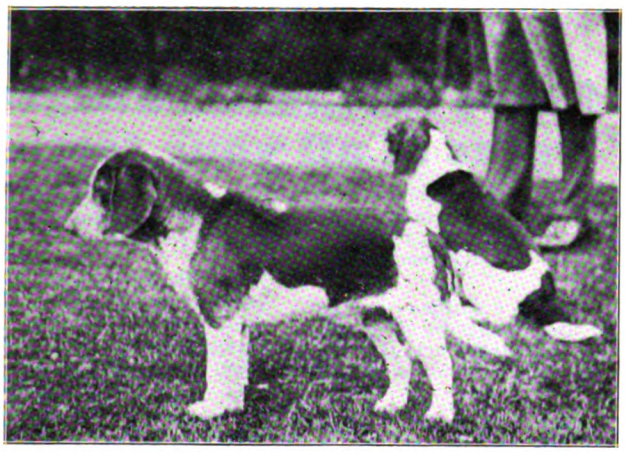
We can imagine no better illustration of the advantages of a Military Training for the young—whether dogs or men—



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LAST WEEK OF TRAINING.

than a comparison of the two photographs of those two peerless hounds, "Handmaid" and "Harmony," at the beginning and the end of their time here.

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They returned last month to the kennels of the Newcastle and District Beagles, the descendants of the old Depôt Beagles, very frightened, but with a few sweet words about their condition murmured in their ears by the huntsman.

GAME NOTES.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS, DEPÔT BOXING COMPETITION,

11TH FEBRUARY, 1926.

116 Entries.

112 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*	*Semi-Finals.*	*Winners.*
Fus. Brown (Jan.)	Fus. Brown (Jan.)	
Fus. Smith (Nov.)		Fus. Brown
Fus. Flynn (Jan.)	Fus. Tomlinson (Jan.)	
Fus. Tomlinson (Jan.)		
120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.* "A."		
Fus. Cunnington (Dec.)	Fus. Cunnington (Dec.)	
Fus. Chesters (Dec.)		Fus. Cunnington
Fus. Spanton (Dec.)	Fus. Ford (Jan.)	
Fus. Ford (Jan.)		
120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.* "B."		
Fus. West (Dec.)	Fus. Whittle (Jan.)	
Fus. Whittle (Jan.)		Fus. Whittle
Fus. Dixon (Nov.)	Fus. Matthews (Jan.)	
Fus. Matthews (Jan.)		
130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.* "A."		
Fus. Bannon (Oct.)	Fus. Fullard (Dec.)	
Fus. Fullard (Dec.)		Fus. Barclay
Fus. Barclay (Nov.)	Fus. Barclay (Nov.)	
Fus. Steele (Oct.)		
130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.* "B."		
Fus. T. Graham (Nov.)	Fus. Smith (Jan.)	
Fus. Smith (Jan.)		Fus. Morton
Fus. Morton (Oct.)	Fus. Morton (Oct.)	
Fus. Atkinson (Dec.)		
Heavyweights.		
Fus. O'Neil (Dec.)	Fus. O'Neil (Dec.)	
Fus. Gilchrist (Oct.)		Fus. McCaffery
Fus. Kane (Dec.)	Fus. McCaffery (Nov.)	
Fus. McCaffery (Nov.)		

Best loser—Fusilier Kane (December Squad).

January Squad won the Shield easily. There were 116 entries.

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5/68TH R.D. RECRUITS' BOXING COMPETITION,

9TH AND 11TH MARCH, 1926.

This was a close contest, with many spirited fights, The Durham Light Infantry winning by 56 pts. to 49 pts.

112 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*			
Fus. Ford	L/c. Cockburn		
L/c. Cockburn		Fus. Brown	
Fus. Brown	Fus. Brown		Fus. Brown
Pte. Hawkes			
Fus. Wilson	Pte. Thomas		
Pte. Thomas		Fus. Gibbons	
Fus. Gibbons	Fus. Gibbons		
Pte. Reick			
120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.*			
Fus. Petch	Pte. Summers		
Pte. Summers		Pte. Summers	
Fus. Cunnington	Pte. Day		Pte. Casey
Pte. Day			
Fus. Wilcox	Pte. Casey		
Pte. Casey		Pte. Casey	
Fus. Spanton	Pte. Tate		
Pte. Tate			
130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.*			
Fus. Whittle	Pte. Hardwick		
Pte. Hardwick		Pte. Hardwick	
Fus. Atkinson	Pte. N. Simms		Fus. Morton
Pte. N. Simms			
Fus. Morton	Fus. Morton		
Pte. Postlethwaite		Fus. Morton	
Fus. Bannon	Pte. Welford		
Pte. Welford			

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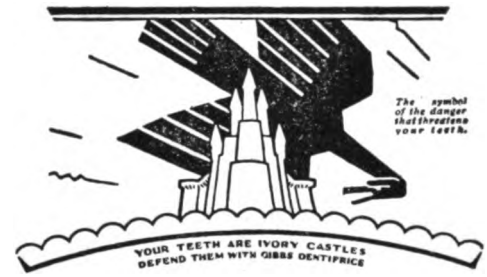

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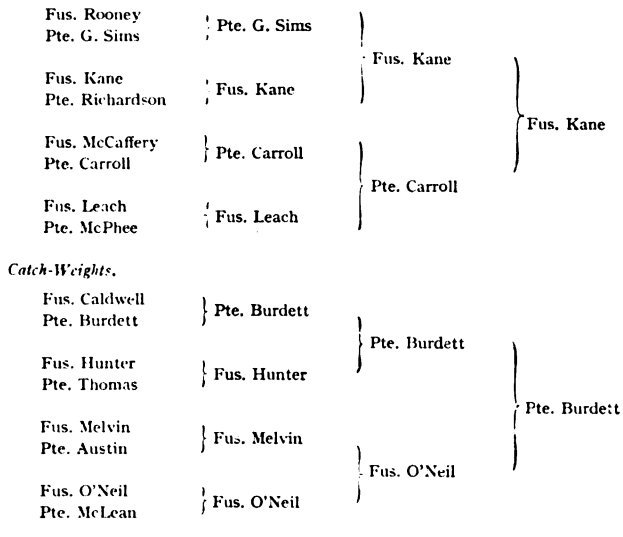

The Durham Light Infantry .. .. 56 points.
Northumberland Fusiliers .. .. 49 ,,
Best loser—Pte. Thomas, Durham Light Infantry.

RUNNING.

INTER-SQUAD CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

December Squad won comfortably, the scores being :—

December, 445. November, 693. January, 878.

The first ten men home were :—

1. Fus. Jackson (Dec.)
2. Cpl. Babington (Dec.)
3. Fus. G. H. Wilson (Dec.)
4. Fus. Anderson (Dec.).
5. Fus. T. Gibbons (Dec.)
6. Fus. T. Wilson (Dec.).
7. Fus. Petch (Jan.)
8. Fus. Matthews (Jan.)
9. Fus. Bucktin (Dec.).
10. Fus. Fergusson (Nov.).

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
23rd March, 1926.

Congratulations to Captains Wood and Clarke on their success in the Examination for Promotion (Captain to Major).

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At the same time we must offer our congratulations to the Adjutants of the 5th and 6th Battalions who at this Examination both passed as "Distinguished."

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On Saturday, 13th March, representatives of the various T.A. Battalions gathered together at Catterick to settle in detail the distribution of the camps amongst themselves. It was finally decided that "I" Lines, which has the larger free accommodation, should be shared by the 4th and 7th Bns., and that "M" Lines on the opposite side of the road should go to the 5th and 6th Bns.

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The accommodation in "I" Lines was finally distributed as follows :—

4th Bn.—Bn. Orderly Room (2 rooms).
Sergeants' Mess (3 rooms).
Company Offices.
16 Huts for N.C.O.'s and Men.
Officers' Quarters ("I" Block).

7th Bn.—Bn. Orderly Room (1 room).
Officers' Mess (3 rooms).
17 Huts for N.C.O.'s and Men.
Officers' Quarters ("I" Block).

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So far the arrangements of Companies for the celebration of St. George's Day have not been notified, but it is expected that the customary Church Parades and social functions will take place as in other years.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We have to welcome Mr. C. D. Bennett on his appointment to the "Guards," and we have no doubt but that his stay with us will be a long and pleasant one. It cannot be said at the moment that he has been fully initiated, but this will follow in due course. It is interesting to note that with the arrival of Mr. Bennett, the Company has its full establishment of officers. If the writer's memory is not at fault this is about the first time that this has happened (with perhaps the exception of the Defence Force in 1921) since March, 1918. Harking back to that date makes one think of the past members of the Company and the many changes which have occurred since, and no doubt some of our readers may be interested in its composition then (again, if memory is to be relied on). Just prior to 21st March, 1918, the 16th Bn. was disbanded, and the "Guards"—no doubt because they were in need of them—received a good reinforcement of both officers and men, the Battalion about that time being allotted to what was known as G.H.Q. reserve. It was indeed curious that before the advent of the reinforcements from the 16th Bn. the officers in the Company were Napier, Clarke and Stewart, and after the engagement which began on 21st March they were exactly the same, all the 16th Bn. officers having unfortunately become casualties. The same three officers were with the Company on 9th April, and whilst Stewart survived the other two became casualties within an hour or so of each other on 11th April. Napier, however, eventually rejoined the Battalion and was gassed on 27th May. Again recovering, he went to the 40th Division and was, unfortunately, blown up by a land mine after 11th November, near Roubaix. One cannot help thinking of this gallant fellow who, in addition to the casualties already mentioned, had twice previously been wounded (once with the old "D" Coy. at Seine Dump), because he so endeared himself to all ranks. There are many now in "Z" Coy. who only wish that he was still with them. These thoughts bring back a host of memories, so many that they cannot be recorded here. At the same time one cannot help feeling that the present "Z" Coy. would more than hold their own with the old "D" Coy. under similar circumstances.

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Training has now commenced in earnest, and recruits are gradually coming along (thirteen to date).

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The Adjutant visited us recently, and as a result the following N.C.O.'s qualified for promotion to the rank of Sergeant :—

Cpl. G. W. Grant.
Cpl. J. E. Renwick.
Lce.-Cpl. M. Yielder.

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We are asked to announce that the "skittles" champions are open to be challenged by other Companies.

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At the same time we hear that we have been invited to shoot "W" Coy. on the miniature range; at the moment we are without details, but no doubt we shall hear from "Charles" in due course (perhaps when "W" Coy. have commenced training).

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

MARCH, 1926.

We commence our notes this month with the glad news that Capt. G. E. Charlewood is actually one of us again. He has really returned and taken up his duties. Mr. Gibson has handed over to him the command of his old Company ("W").

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Congratulations to Capt. R. Wood and O.C. "Prudhoe Guards" on successful manipulation of the examiners in their Promotion Examination subject "C."

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Our Section Leaders' courses have come to an end, and the pay thereof duly paid out to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. Even though we say it ourselves, these classes were a great success. The last night was spent in putting every N.C.O. through various tests, and the results were highly satisfactory.

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On the 16th of the month, a Promotion Examination was held at Newburn Drill Hall for N.C.O.'s; for Corporals to rank of Sergeant. Cpls. Simpson, Armstrong and McHugh, of "X" Coy., were the victims, and they all came through with flying colours, for which they have our congratulations.

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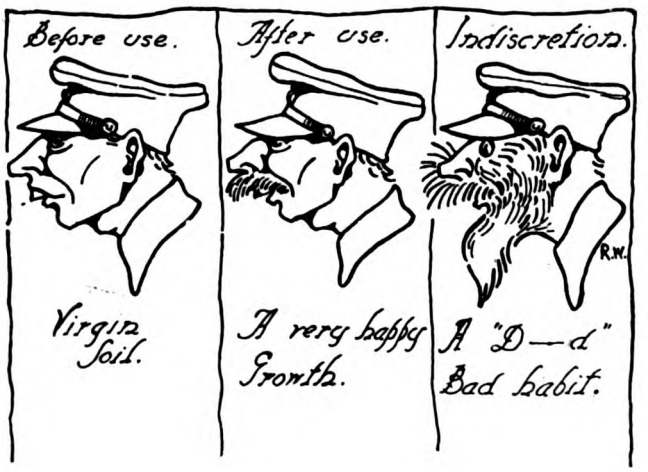
At a late period in life, one of our prominent C.Q.M.S.'s has taken unto himself a moustache. Not content with a modest



toothbrush as a tactful beginning, he must needs go and attempt a great, huge walrus, which must have taken a tremendous amount of cultivating. The effect is excellent, as he looks more fierce than ever, but we would advise him to use these new-fangled hair restorers with discretion.

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We are sorry to say that Cpl. Fotheringham, of "X" Coy., has transferred his abode to Ashington, where he has obtained employment. He is transferring to the 7th Battalion, who will gain a good N.C.O.

On Sunday, 25th of April, we expect to hold our annual St. George's Church Parade, and we hope to have a much larger turn-out than last year.

5TH BATTALION (T.A.) NOTES.

WALKER,
March, 1926.

Spring is born of much climatic labouring in these northern climes, and during the last week or so we have experienced every conceivable sort of weather; no wonder we are a hardy race. Luckily outdoor training has not begun yet, so we have endured the vigours of weather from indoors, the best way of doing it.

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We have finished one set of battalion courses, and will shortly start over again. Machine gunners, signallers and section leaders have turned up fairly well, but we hope for better results next time.

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St. George's Day is approaching once again, and there is every indication of a week's gaiety. The Aid Ball takes place on the 22nd April; lunches and dinners on the 23rd; and a Church Parade on the 25th. A week's convalescent leave after would be a very good thing.

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Capts. Gatehouse and Leete took Subject (c) Examination for promotion to Major, on the 9th March. Both are to be congratulated on foiling the examiners. Capt. Gatehouse, not content with .6 or .8 marks, must needs get .96.

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There is a Company Commanders' week-end exercise under Divisional arrangements at Catterick this next month, and during the week-end we shall have a good look at the "Lines" we are going to occupy in June for Annual Training. The Adjutant and Quartermaster have already had a look, and seem quite satisfied.

Recruits are rolling in steadily, and we hope to be at full strength in a month's time.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
22nd March, 1926.

Matters are now becoming strenuous in this Battalion, both in work and sport.

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In the former, the Sergeants beat the Officers on the miniature range, and "A" Coy. have won the Miniature Range Cup. Congratulations to Mr. Challoner, who, like his father, is a keen rifleman.

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Arrangements have now been settled for Camp, and it is a relief to know that everyone will be housed in huts and the men are to have splendid facilities for recreation by the use of the new rooms.

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The only crab is that we have lost the toss to get a permanent Officers' Mess, and will have to go under canvass. This will save the P.M.C. Barracks damage anxiety.

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We supplied the three representatives of the Division in the

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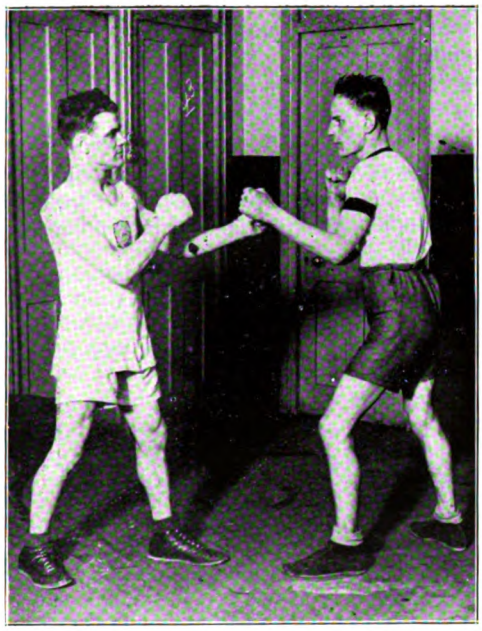
Inter-Divisional contest held in London at the Stadium, and all three did well; Fus. Gullon getting into the final of the



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fly-weight and Fus. Hugh into the semi-final of the middle-weight. Cpl. Walsh unfortunately hurt his hand in the second round of the welter-weight, and was not able to do as well as expected.

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The following extract from the *Newcastle Journal* is most complimentary, containing as it does the remarks of Mr. B. Bennison, the well-known authority on boxing:—

"Well-deserved congratulations are extended by Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., Commanding Officer of the 6th (Newcastle) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, to the three members of his unit, who, as representatives of the Northumbrian Division, did so well in the competitions for the Territorial Army Championships, which were witnessed by the Prince of Wales at the Stadium Club, London. There was evidence that the boxing of our Services has never been better than it is to-day. Fus. Gullon, of Newcastle, who obtained the runner's-up medal after being defeated on points in the fly-weight final, figured in the best fight of the contests. Fus. Hugh had the distinction of being a semi-finalist in the middle-weight, while Cpl. Welsh, the third representative, sustained an injury in the second round of the welter-weight, and had, unfortunately, to retire.

"NORTH-COUNTRY DOGGEDNESS.

"Gullon is described as 'a gallant loser,' by Mr. B. Bennison, the well-known authority on boxing, who writes in the *Daily Telegraph*: 'The flyweight champion was Pte. Lowbridge, of the South Stafford Regiment; his opponent in the final, Fus. Gullon, a Northumbrian, in physical shape precisely the hard-bitten youth you meet in his severely practical county—short, cut square, rather bow in the legs, and with the confident, rolling gait of his special breed. Lowbridge was taller, more sprightly, and he knew most about boxing; but there was always the possibility that he would have to strike his flag to the doggedness of the North-country fellow, whose punches, when they landed, had bite and heaviness in them. They were better, cleverer, more interesting than most fly-weights one sees in purely amateur affairs; as a matter of fact, there is nothing like the crudeness in our Territorial boxers as might be supposed. Judged as a whole, they would pass muster in any amateur class; and Lowbridge and Gullon, though with ideas peculiarly their own as to how fighting should be done, had more than average skill.'

"POPULARITY OF SPORT.

"To me it represents a great humanising work and a game without parallel,' writes Mr. Bennison. And that is exactly the view held in the 6th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, which is catering more and more for sport. Although no fewer than 80 recruits have been enrolled during the past month, there are still vacancies for about 150, and it is hoped that the strength will be brought up to establishment in time for the annual training at Catterick. It is certainly a fine sporting Battalion for men to join, and the regimental sports are always one of the most enjoyable features at the summer camp. Every opportunity is to be given for gymnastics and cricket, and I heard yesterday that a boxing ring is to be placed in the gymnasium."

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A photograph of Fusilier Gullon appears on this page.

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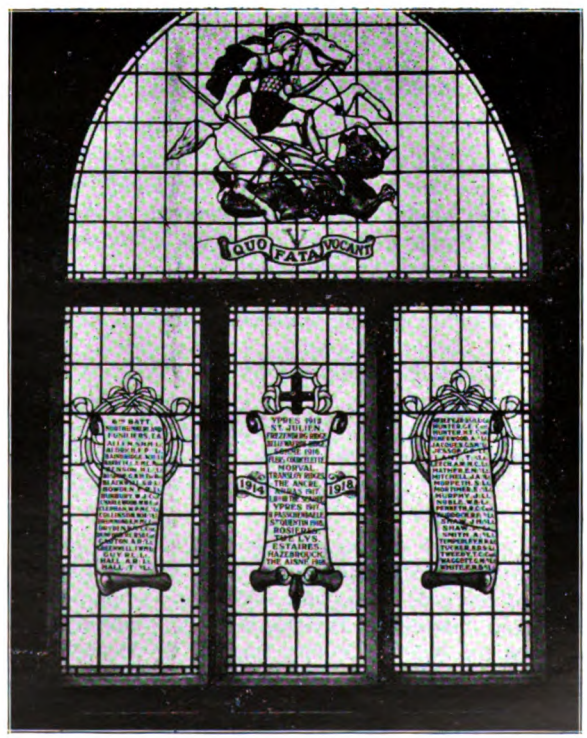
We also print a photograph of the window erected by the generosity of Capt. and Mrs. T. P. Parmeter, which is now in



the Officers' Mess, in memory of our Officers who were killed in the war.

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Much activity is being displayed by Mr. Basil Simpson's Concert Party, who are to give us a show on the 26th and 27th March, but we will mention more of this next month.

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We have to welcome into the Battalion Mr. R. Potter, late Uppingham O.T.C., and can only hope that he will enjoy his time in the Battalion as much as we have.

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Capt. F. Dawson, M.C., has been attached to the 1st Batt. K.O.Y.L.I. at Dover for a fortnight, learning the latest methods in battalion efficiency, and it is just as well he has been able to attend the course, otherwise we might have been badly left in camp owing to the fact that the new C.O. of the 5th Bn., Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., has also attended the course. It would have been almost a catastrophe if we had not had a supply of munition for the counter attack which, we feel sure, of necessity will have to be launched when K.O.Y.L.I. gadgets are produced in camp.

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During the month, the Inter-Company Miniature Shooting Competition has taken place, with the following results :—

"C" Coy. beat "B" Coy., 326—325.
"D" Coy. beat H.Q. Wing "A" Team, 352—344.
"A" Coy. beat H.Q. Wing "B" Team, 326—319.

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In the semi-final the results were as follows :—

"A" Coy. beat "D" Coy., 357—332 ;

and in the final,

"A" Coy. beat "C" Coy., 364—337 ("C" Coy. = bye).

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The Sergeants beat the Officers, 506—472.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

26th March, 1926.

According to the Calendar, Spring is with us, but judging by the weather (we are being treated to samples of everything appertaining to winter) Winter has overstayed its pass. With the advent of Spring (?) our thoughts turn lightly to those of Training, and we leave the loving to those who like it. In spite of the cold, our preliminary Training is not being interfered with, thanks to the heating installation which is now in full blast.

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We are now seeing faces in our Mess which have been as strangers to us for months, and while we welcome them we wonder where they hibernate during those months when their services would be of great use socially and competitively.

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We are gradually moving towards that acme of perfection (dear to the hearts of all Adjutants) that meets with favour in the eyes of the gods during our sojourn in camp. Our only trouble being "strength," but this is being overcome at such a rate that the P.S. are looking forward to strenuous times between now and 13th June.

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GAMES COMMITTEE REPORT.

Now that we have reached the end of our Winter Games Campaign, we can look back and weigh things up generally as to progress or otherwise.

Shooting.—There has been a considerable revival in shooting, and the monthly spoon competition has again been an attractive feature. Attendances have shown a marked increase, many of the younger members of the Mess showing much zeal, that the older members have had to look to their laurels. Spoons were won by the following :—

C.S.M. Hoggins	..	(3)	with scores of 98 and 2—97's.
C.S.M. W. Robinson		(1)	,, ,, 97
Ex-Sergt. A. Wake		(1)	,, ,, 96

We congratulate these members, one of whom has now 12 of these Spoons in his possession, not including "1 spoon, wooden," presented to him by the ex-serving members of our Mess, which are to be handed down as heirlooms.

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In the League games, run in connection with the N. and D. Sergeants' Association, we have not been very successful, and if the tables had been reversed the Cup would have been ours. Still, we live in hopes of doing something better next season.

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In the Billiards League, we have fared much better, having finished second in the table, and we are determined to lift this Cup next year, providing the committee approves.

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As for Whist, we were again placed second in the table ; this was hard luck, and, as one C.Q.M.S. points out, we would probably have finished top had he been allowed to play—how are the mighty fallen !—let us hope he may "burn" his way to victory next year.

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The Billiards Handicaps still reveal their surprise packets, the last one being won by C.S.M. Hoggins ; the other finalist was Ex-C.Q.M.S. E. Sutherland. "Alec" is termed a "jam" player—how the term applies seems another one of those unsolved war-time mysteries that was "potted" for future reference, leaving us "baulked" as to its origin. Perhaps Charlie Brown could give us the "tip," but R.A.S.C. discretion prevails with this old bar-tender. We have one of these handicaps running at the present time, and many "dark horses" are well in the running, so much so that two "fights" in one night was the lot of one of these star turns defeating in his last fight the back man of the handicap, Sgt. W. Bulmer. It was a close fight, and the beginner's luck prevailed throughout, doggedly followed by Sgt. Bulmer's spectacular billiards.

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At an early date we have to part with Staff-Instructor Hullyer, who has been informed that his services are required with the 1st Bn. "Harry" has been with us quite a while, and proved himself to be in every way worthy of the position he held, not only in matters military, but also in sport, for he ran the Bn. Football Team and interested himself no end with the boxing, meeting with a fair amount of success in both ventures, particularly the training of the boxers. He goes back to the 1st Bn. with the best wishes of all our members for his future welfare, and with the hope that he may pay us a visit at no distant date.

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The general efficiency of Headquarters Wing has been brought very much to the fore of late, through two of their members. Whether we can put it down to "zeal" or lack of foresight, we can hardly say, but think that boiled down it amounts to —well, we leave it to you, dear reader.

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The Transport Sergeant, accompanied by his better half, arrived at the Drill Hall dressed in his glad rags to attend a dance that never took place. Ship ! shipp ! hooray ! ! While we are sorry he had to be disappointed of his night's enjoyment, we do hope the punishment meted out by his good lady fitted the crime. We have instructed the Secretary of the Dance Committee to write an apology to this poor unfortunate for cancelling a Dance without first informing him.

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We have heard of C.Q.M.S.'s who at times appear on parade 5 minutes before time (more often than not they are late), but to be there a week in advance seems extraordinary to a degree bordering on marvellous ; but such *has* happened. Duly warned to assist at a Battalion Concert to be held on Saturday night, 27th March, this Quartermaster actually paraded on Saturday, 20th March * * * such is fame * * * Excuses are of little use, as a bill announcing this concert holds a *prominent place in our Mess.*

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1926.

This will be held on St. George's Night in the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, and the Committee are leaving no stone unturned to make it the success it has always been. Pioneer Sgt. Wilson is again secretary, being well supported by a strong committee, presided over by C.S.M. Robinson, and we look forward to it with keen delight.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

22nd March, 1926.

Preparations are now well in hand for Camp at Catterick in June. Company Commanders are to have a week-end looking round, 17th to 18th April.

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The principal Administrative arrangements were decided upon at a Brigade Conference held last month.

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We are to occupy a brand new hutted camp in " M " Lines, sharing with our old friends the 4th Battalion.

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Unfortunately there is only one Officers' Mess—a very large hut—but fortunately this has been allotted for our use. On the other hand, the one and only Sergeants' Mess hut has gone to the 4th Bn.—a marquee falling to our lot.

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We hear the Officers' Club is to be available for Units in camp. This is good news, as a rumour had got round that the Club was " Na-poo." There will be a bigger run on sport and games this year at Catterick than at a " holiday " camp, and ample playing grounds, it is hoped, will be available.

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We are hoping to do great things in the sports line this year.

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The Battalion will mess together in one large dining-hall. This has its advantages.

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Congratulations to Mr. Ledgerwood on his promotion to Captain. He has been posted to command " A " Company, *vice* Major Cowen.

Training is proceeding apace. The Brigade Commander visited " D " Company and the Machine Gun Platoon at Berwick on 17th March, and was favourably impressed.

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Section Leaders' Classes are going strong in Companies, and satisfactory progress is being made.

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Arrangements have been made for the Annual Musketry Course to be fired this year at Moorlaws, Alnwick (" A " " B " and " C " Companies), and Berwick (" D " Company and Machine Gun Platoon).

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A start will be made early next month, so that every available week-end may be utilised.

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The Adjutant is very busy with his " Young Officers' " Course, held at Amble and Berwick.

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The Transport Section has all been transferred to Morpeth now in order to facilitate training and the cleaning of harness, etc., in the " close " season.

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We are very pleased to welcome Sgt. Dodds back to the fold as Transport Sergeant.

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Sgt. Dodds proceeded overseas with the Bn. in April, 1915, and succeeded Sgt. Appleby as Transport Sergeant, holding that important position for a considerable time. His enrolment should prove a great acquisition.

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The strength of the Battalion to-day is 621, out of an establishment of 636. Recruiting progressing favourably, and we hope to march into camp bang up to strength.

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Since our last notes there has been one re-engagement, and 32 Recruits have been attested, while 10 discharges have been effected. Nett increase 22.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
March, 1926.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. 10/- each.

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Mrs. S. Gibson	Capt. W. Watson
Mrs. H. Kilgour	Capt. E. H. Watson

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon	Miss M. Crisp
Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G.	

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Letters to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

I have recently been approached with regard to the writing of the history of the 1st and 2nd Battalions during the period of the Great War. Before the work of writing the history can be commenced it is necessary that much material beyond that represented by official records should be obtained, and that the historian before he starts on the work should have available a list of all such material (documents, narratives, maps) which is available to assist him in an accurate and detailed account of events. For if these records are received by him piecemeal during the writing of the history it will not only add immensely to his labours by necessitating perhaps the re-writing of whole chapters, but may tend to upset the even balance of the story and may cause the omission of important points. With a view to the history being written at an early date it is, therefore, essential that material should be collected now, before seeking for a historian.

It is hoped that there is still in private possession much material the value of which is so obvious as to ensure it against destruction for many years. On the other hand there may be fragments lying forgotten in odd corners which may, on a periodical turning-out of drawers, be committed to the waste paper basket as seeming of insufficient interest to preserve any longer. The historian alone can judge the value of such apparently trivial records. To him they may be of immense value in supplying the one missing piece in his complicated jigsaw puzzle. It can be said that, prior to the writing of the history there is *nothing* which it is justifiable to destroy if it has the smallest reference to any event in which either Battalion was concerned in the war.

In consideration of these facts, I recently asked Lieut.-Col. Sandilands to arrange for the collection of material for the history at the Depôt, which he was visiting and which appeared to me to be the most suitable centre for the purpose. He informs me that Lieut. Bennett has kindly undertaken the registering and preservation of all material supplied in addition to his duties as Depôt Adjutant. I have accordingly nominated Lieut. Bennett as Hon. Secretary, Regimental History, Fifth Fusiliers.

The lines on which it is proposed to carry out this work are as under.

It is known that, while events were still fresh in the mind, fragmentary diaries were written behind the lines, on leave, or in hospital, and that in some cases these have been since put together to form complete private, personal records. Not only, however, are these records sometimes rather bulky, but it is probable that their owners would be unwilling to part for a lengthy period with diaries to which they may wish to make occasional reference. In the case of these, then, it is proposed to ask the owners to notify the Secretary of their willingness to supply the diaries when called for, naming at the same time the periods and fronts with which they deal, and giving the address to which application for them should be made when required. The Secretary will then register all particulars with a view to calling for the records when the historian requires them.

As regards smaller documents and records, particularly those that are in danger of being mislaid or lost, the owners of these will be requested to forward them to the Secretary as soon as possible, who will undertake that they will be carefully preserved and returned when no longer required. If owners of these, however, should desire their early return, and notify this fact to the Secretary, arrangements will be made to take copies and to return the originals at the earliest possible date.

Large scale battle maps of an area of operations may be of exceptional value, *e.g.* the map (slightly inaccurate though it proved) of the German trenches issued to the 1st Battalion prior to the Bellewarde operation of 16th June, 1915. It is preferable that these should be sent to the Secretary for preservation straight away, but if owners of these would sooner not part with them till the writing of the History is started, they will be asked to notify the Secretary of the maps in their possession and of their willingness to supply them when demanded, as in the case of the larger diaries.

The source from which documents are obtained will be regarded as confidential—and will be known only to the Secretary, to Lieut.-Col. Sandilands, who is acting in an advisory capacity to the Secretary, and to the subsequent author. I propose, however, to instruct the historian when the work of writing the history is undertaken, to send the various chapters as they are completed to the officers who were commanding battalions at the periods dealt with, for their comment and return to the historian through myself.

Of the hundreds of officers who served with the 1st or 2nd Battalions during the war, very few are now serving in the Regiment. The difficulty of collecting the information we require will, therefore, be realised. Efforts are being made to obtain a complete list of all officers who served with either battalion, together with the addresses of those still living and of next-of-kin of those who lost their lives, with a view to ascertaining if they have private documents which they are willing to place at the disposal of the historian.

Colonel Sandilands is, I understand, explaining in a separate letter the details of the methods it is proposed to adopt to this end.

In conclusion, I would most earnestly urge all readers of the *St. George's Gazette* to assist in the production of a History worthy of the records in the Great War of the two old regular battalions by undertaking to place records at the disposal of the historian, by communicating the addresses of officers who served with the battalions during the war (lists of those required will be published periodically in the *Gazette*), and by bringing the matter to general notice by all possible means.

Yours truly,
P. S. WILKINSON,
Colonel, Fifth Fusiliers.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

SIR,

With reference to the collection of material for the History during the Great War of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, the following steps have been or will be taken towards organising this.

1. Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C., has been nominated by the Colonel of the Regiment as Secretary, Regimental History, Fifth Fusiliers. All communications addressed to him in this capacity should be directed as under :—

The Hon. Secretary,
Regimental History,
Fifth Fusiliers,
The Barracks,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

2. The Officers Commanding the 1st and 2nd Battalions have been asked to submit lists of the officers who served with

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the battalions in the war, if these are in their possession, together with addresses if available. The War Office is also being approached with a view to obtaining these names and addresses.

3. The Editor *St. George's Gazette* has been asked to insert a form in each copy of this number of the *Gazette*. Those subscribers who served as officers in the 1st or 2nd Battalions during the war, or who are relatives of deceased officers, are most earnestly requested to complete this form and to forward it to the Secretary as soon as possible. It will be noted that the form contains a "nil" paragraph, which if returned will be of more assistance than *no* reply. Those to whom the forms are not applicable are requested to pass them to friends who they know were officers in either of the Battalions but who do not subscribe to the *Gazette*.

4. The Editor has been asked to furnish the Secretary with a list of all subscribers who have received this form. This will be checked with the lists of officers, and forms for completion will then be sent to those whose names appear on the latter lists but who are not included in the Editor's list.

5. Receipts in detail for all records received will be sent by the Secretary to those who furnish them. The receipt will include an undertaking that records will be returned immediately they are no longer required, the date of return in any case not being later than that of the publication of the History.

It will be understood that the duties of the Secretary are concerned merely with the collection of material for the History and in no way with its writing or subsequent form. Nonetheless these duties will be arduous, and I feel a certain responsibility for their having been placed on Lieut. Bennett. I would, therefore, ask all concerned to co-operate in lightening those duties in every way possible, to the extent at least of ensuring that the return of forms is not overlooked by those to whom they are applicable.

H. R. SANDILANDS,
Lieut.-Col.

NAVAL AND MILITARY CLUB,
94, PICCADILLY.
28th February, 1926.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st March, 1926.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

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Yours very truly,

J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

Arrangements have been completed for the due celebration of St. George's Day, and are as follows :—

On St. George's Day itself a Social and Dance will be held at the Headquarters of the 2nd London Regt., 9, Tufton Street, Great Smith Street, Westminster. Each member of the Association will receive a ticket for self and friend, and may purchase extra tickets from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan, 224, Huntingfield Road, S.W. 15, for 1s. each ticket. The entertainment will commence at 7.45 p.m. Red and White Roses will be on sale at the door.

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On Sunday, 25th April, members will parade at 11.30 a.m. and march to the Cenotaph, on which a wreath will be laid in memory of those who laid down their lives. After this ceremony they are invited to reassemble at the Headquarters Corps of Commissioners, 419, Strand, by kind permission of the Commandant. New members may be enrolled.

H. I. MORGAN,
Hon. Sec.

224, Huntingfield Road,
Roehampton, S.W. 15.

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SPORT IN THE FIGHTING SERVICES.
MARCH, 1926.

FOOTBALL.

Army Triangular Tournament.

English Army, 2; Belgian Army, 2. At Stamford Bridge. Despite the draw, the Belgian Army are, on the run of the play in this match, deserved winners of the tournament for the second year in succession. A game of many interesting features, and which demonstrated that the Continental footballer is quite expert. In every way a very sporting affair, with Cpl. Cartlidge of the R.E.'s an outstanding player at right half.

Army Cup Finalists.

The 2nd S. Staffs. qualified to meet the 2nd Leicesters in the final by defeating the 1st R. Scots Fusiliers by 3—1. The game was spoiled by the boisterous wind.

Service Results.

English Army, 2; French Army, 0. Lord Lieutenant's Cup Final—4th Hants, 6; 8th Hants, 1. U.S. Charity Cup Final—R.M. (Portsmouth), 3; H.M.S. *Excellent*, 0. U.S. Challenge Cup Final—1st Prince of Wales Volunteers, 2; 2nd Argylls and Sutherlands, 1. R.N., 3; R.A.F., 0.

RUGBY.

Army Cup Final.

The 1st South Wales Borderers retained possession of the Army Cup when, in the final in Aldershot, they defeated the 1st Welsh Guards by 10 pts. to 3. The game, especially in the second half, was fiercely contested, little open play being seen.

Inter-Services Tournament.

As expected, the Army won the Inter-Services Tournament, defeating the R.A.F. in the decisive match of the series by 11 pts. to 0. A very close struggle, and a keen, sporting game. Army, 24; R.N., 10. The game was not up to expectation. However, none could quarrel with the result, even though the Army were rather flattered by the margin of the result. Most people went away with the impression that the luck of the Navy was out, although the hard luck story cannot be advanced as an excuse for defeat. The Army were obviously the better side.

HOCKEY.

Army Cup Final.

The 2nd King's Shropshire L.I. defeated the 2nd East Yorks at Aldershot by 2 goals to 0. The winners' forwards were particularly fast, but their passing was by no means accurate and several good chances of scoring were lost through hesitation in shooting in front of goal. The Battalion is with the Rhine Army, and has played most of its hockey on hard gravel grounds, so that some excuse may be made for the length of time that the team took to settle down. At no period, however, did they reproduce the form which won for them the Rhine Army Cup this year. Sgt. Jackson was a tower of strength for the losers at left back.

BOXING.

Army Team Championship Finals.

The 2nd Loyals beat the 1st Middlesex at Aldershot by 19 pts. to 14, and so won the magnificent trophy which the King presented in December, 1918, for the match between the American and British Services at the Albert Hall. This trophy was won by Great Britain, and now serves as the principal prize of the Army's annual team boxing tournament.

The 2nd Loyals have now won two of the three tournaments which have been fought under University match conditions—*i.e.*, with a specified number of boxers in each team. The Loyals, probably, have won more Army team titles than any other regiment. It was the 1st Loyal N. Lancs. which, before the war, won the first trophy ever presented as an Army team prize. The 1st Middlesex, for their part, had fought splendidly through six preliminary rounds.

The introduction of the team principle has had a wonderfully stimulating effect upon boxing in the Army and this season no fewer than 25 teams from the Aldershot Command alone entered for the tournament.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Finals decided at Woolwich. Results:—

Officers.—Feathers, Lieut. Dyas (R.A.); Welters, Lieut. Bromley-Davenport (3rd Grenadiers); Light-Weight, Lieut. Gainher (2nd Royals); Middles, Lieut. Courtis (R.A.S.C.); Light-Heavy, Lieut. Schoals (2nd Loyals); Heavy, Lieut. Capper (5th Med. Bde., R.A.).

Other Ranks.—Fly-Weights, Cpl. Connell (1st Cameronians); Feathers, Sgt. Beale (The Buffs); Bantam, Cpl. Aguzzi (1st Northants); Light-Weights, Lce.-Cpl. Jones (R.C. of S.); Middles, Sgt. Crawley (R.T.C.); Light-Heavy, Gdsmn. Harrison (Grenadiers); Heavy, Gdsmn. Young (3rd Coldstreams).

ATHLETICS.

Army Cross-Country Championship.

Decided in Windsor Great Park, 240 runners representing 14 teams competing. Each team consisted of 15 runners, 12 of whom were to count. Distance, 7 miles. Won by 2nd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's L.I., whose team packed very well. 3rd R.T.C. were runners-up. First two men home were:—Cpl. W. Cotterell (R.C. of S.), who won with 1 min. 1 sec. to spare from Pte. L. Kultzer (2nd D.C.L.I.).

Aldershot Command Cross-Country Championship.

Brought out the enormous field of 470 runners at Bordon, most of whom completed the course. Thirty teams turned out, all finishing. 2nd Grenadiers won the team race, and individual honours went to Lce.-Cpl. Neal, 1st Gloucesters.

National Cross-Country Championship.

Cpl. W. Cotterell, winner of the National in 1924 and 1925, ran fifth this year.

RACKETS.

Army Singles Championship.

Won by that adept all-rounder, Lieut. G. N. Scott-Chad, Coldstream Guards, at Princes Club from the holder, Col. W. Wilson Johnston, Indian Army, in three straight sets. The winner thus avenged his defeat last year. The score was 15—6, 15—12, 15—5.

SABRES AND FOIL.

Amateur Championships.

Lt.-Cdr. C. Kershaw, R.N., won the Amateur Championship sabre, at Bertrands, after first tieing with J. Obdan. He also reached the final pool of the Amateur Championship, foils.

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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30th April, 1926.

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BIRTH.

PLATT.—On the 28th February, 1926, to the wife of Lt.-Colonel W. Platt, D.S.O.—a son.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

COMMANDS AND STAFFS.

MEMORANDA.

The following Lieut.-Colonel to be Colonel : H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. late North'd. Fus. (dated 27th March), with seniority 1st January, 1923.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. T. H. Owen, from the h.p. list, to be Capt. (dated 21st January), with precedence next below Capt. H. I. Powell.

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—Lieut. J. L. Challoner to be Capt. (dated 23rd February).

6th Bn.—R. Potter (late Cadet Sergt., Uppingham School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 13th April).

Obituary.

MR. THOMAS COX.

We regret to announce the death of a Mutiny Veteran, Mr. Thomas Cox, who died at Nottingham on 20th April, in his 92nd year. He enlisted in 1857 and served for 21 years, retiring with the Long Service and the Good Conduct Medals.

He was buried with honours on the 24th, at Nottingham, and the roses sent him by the Aid Society for St. George's Day were placed in his grave.

He leaves behind him two daughters, both married, to whom we proffer our sympathy in their loss.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATALLION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
April, 1926.

Another St. George's Day has come and gone, leaving in its train memories of a very enjoyable and very successful day.

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This year we were able to celebrate it more in the customary manner than last year, when, it will be remembered, the Battalion was under canvas in Germany for the purpose of firing the Annual Musketry Course. Everything, from start to finish, went as well as we could have wished.

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First and foremost our luck held, and we had a perfect day of sunshine for it. In fact the general setting of the parade with the green countryside and the hills and bright sunshine must have been as pretty as any the Regiment has ever had for the Trooping of the Colour. Moreover, Capt. Lindsay, with his usual resource and energy, again rose to the occasion, and by the artistic use of banks of gorse and clumps of wild shrubs greatly added to the setting by converting a bare-looking hockey ground into an ideal parade ground, complete with dais for the more distinguished members of the company and enclosures for spectators.

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As regards the parade itself, the steadiness, drill and turn-out of the troops were admirable, and there were many favourable comments by spectators who had come from the various regiments in North Ireland, and congratulations on the excellent show made by the Battalion.

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After the Trooping of the Colour about 100 guests had lunch in the Officers' Mess—all that our tiny Mess would accommodate, and then, after listening to the Band, dispersed homewards at about four o'clock.

At night St. George's Ball was held in the Gymnasium, which had been decorated most effectively. The Sergeants' Mess and their Committee are to be congratulated on having arranged a really good evening, well up to the traditional high standard always associated with St. George's Ball. No pains were spared to ensure that everything in connection with the evening was thoroughly well done, and the reward of those whose efforts were responsible for the arrangements was to be found in the evident whole-hearted enjoyment of their guests.

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Whilst on the subject of arrangements in general, a word of praise should be given to the pioneers for the good work they put in, both on the parade ground under Captain Lindsay's guidance, and in the decoration of the Gymnasium.

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We were delighted to have Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson with us for St. George's Day, also Brig.-Gen. Yatman and Major Leverson.

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Telegrams of good wishes were received from the following :—General Armstrong, Col. Ainslie, Br.-Gen. Buckley, Group Capt. and Mrs. Bonham Carter, Major Montague, Lieut. Byrne, Major Coles, Col. Dashwood, Capt. Dorman-Smith, Capt. and Mrs. English, Br.-Gen. Festing, Major Forster, Major Garnier, Col. and Mrs. Hardman Jones, Major Hervey Bathurst, Col. and Mrs. Holdsworth-Hunt, Capt. Hamilton (Kumasi), Rev. Hutchings, Col. Roddam, Capt. Rushbrooke, Br.-Gen. Sitwell, Col. Sturges, Col. Sandilands, Col. Stewart, Major and Mrs. Stephen, Major and Mrs. St. John, Major Salier, Capt. Sant, Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland, Capt. Scanlan, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Thomas (Tanganyika), Col. Charles Wood, Col. Wright, Col. Whitaker, Depôt, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th Bns., Old Comrades' Association, K.S.L.I. (Wiesbaden).

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The following account of the parade, which appeared in the *Belfast News* letter, the local daily paper, gives an outsider's point of view and details not mentioned above :—

BALLYKINLAR PARADE.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY TROOPING OF THE COLOURS.

A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE.

Ballykinlar, so well-known to our war heroes of the Ulster Division, was yesterday—St. George's Day—the scene of a most interesting and impressive ceremony. The 1st Bn. Northd' Fusiliers (the "FIGHTING FIFTH") are at present stationed in the famous camp, and yesterday the annual ceremony of the Trooping of the Colours was carried out in the presence of a distinguished company.

The weather could not have been better for the occasion, the sun shining out of a blue sky. The Bn. turned out at full strength, and the spectacle presented as the great body of men marched on to the parade ground was a most imposing one.

His Grace the Governor and the Duchess of Abercorn were unfortunately unable to be present, and the Duke of Northumland and the Bishop of Newcastle-on-Tyne sent apologies. There was, however, a distinguished assemblage, including the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland and Lady Craig ; the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland District (Major-General F. F. Ready, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O.) and Mrs. Ready ; Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Colonel of the Regiment) ; Br.-Gen. Clement Yatman, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Rowan-Hamilton, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Irvine, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Wallace, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Pollok-Morris, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Weldon, Lieut.-Col. Ingpen, Br.-Gen., Mrs. and Miss

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Ross; Colonel, Mrs. and the Misses Wallace; Major Leverson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Murland, and Lieut.-Col. Ralph Raines, D.S.O.

ARRIVAL OF PREMIER AND LADY CRAIG.

When Sir James and Lady Craig arrived they were received by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., and conducted to a small stand which had been erected at the saluting base. They were presented with silk souvenir programmes of the day's events, a similar gift being also made to Mrs. Ready, wife of the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland. The other distinguished spectators also took up their positions on the stand; while on either side were enclosures, crowded with the wives and relatives of the men of the regiment and the general public. There were present in addition large detachments of the other regiment—the West Yorks—now stationed at Ballykinlar; as well as the 12th Armoured Car Section of the Royal Tank Corps.

At noon the Union Jack was broken out on the flagstaff at the saluting base. The men, who had marched on to the ground some time earlier, the Band playing at their head, had red and white roses in their caps in honour of the day. They were all in khaki, but the red sashes of the sergeants provided a dash of colour which showed up well in the sun. The colours, in charge of two sergeants with double sentries, were placed in front of the left of the battalion, and the day's ceremonies commenced.

The parade, which up to this time had been under the command of the Regimental Sergeant-Major, was handed over to the Adjutant, Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall. The Officers then fell in, and the command was taken by Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O. At this point the other officers on parade were:—No. 1 Company (escort to the Colours), Capt. H. I. Powell; No. 2 Company, Lieut. I. J. Kilgour; No. 3 Company, Lieut. F. H. Butterfield; and No. 4 Company, Lieut. C. E. Beckwith. The King's Colour was carried by Lieut. R. H. Yorke, and the Regimental Colour by 2nd-Lieut. F. G. A. Parsons. The third Colour, known as the Drummers' Colour, which is carried by the smallest boy of the drummers, was on this occasion in the hands of Boy C. Cantwell. It is of interest to note that this Colour has been carried by the Regiment since the Battle of Wilhelmstahl, 1762.

All being ready, the ceremony of the Trooping of the Colours commenced. The Band, first of all, marched in slow time the whole length of the parade ground, playing the slow troop march "St. George." Having reached the spot where the Colours were stationed, they commenced the reverse march, afterwards breaking into quick time to the lively air of "The Old and Bold." Then the Lieutenant in command of No. 2 Company took over the escort from the captain of No. 1 Company, and headed by the Band and Drums, moved out to take over the Colours. Meanwhile the Band were playing the "British Grenadiers," the Regimental march. Next the Colours, which had been handed to the Subalterns by the Regimental Sergeant-Major—the Royal salute being accompanied by the playing of the National Anthem—were taken in slow march along the front of the assembled Battalion, the troops standing at the "present." The scene at this moment, with the men's bayonets flashing in the sun, was one long to be remembered by those who had the privilege of witnessing it.

THE MARCH PAST.

The Battalion having formed up, marched past the saluting base in column of companies, the salute being taken by Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson. At this point the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, took command of the Battalion, which advanced in review order, and the general salute was taken by Major-General Ready.

The interesting ceremony was now practically at an end, and the Colours—each of which was decorated with a garland of roses—were carried off the parade ground and lodged "in form" in the Officers' Mess. Here over 100 guests were afterwards entertained to luncheon, and during the meal the following programme of music was rendered by the Band, under the direction of Bandmaster J. C. Windram, L.R.A.M.:—Grand march, "Spirit of Pagentry" (*Fletcher*); overture to "Mignon" (*Ambroise-Thomas*); "Minuet No. 2 (*Paderewski*); grand selection, "Faust" (*Gounod*); "Hungarian Dances Nos. 5 and 6" (*Brahams*); excerpts from "Merrie England" (*Ed. German*); "Northumbrian Rhapsody" (*Windram*); and selection, "Yeomen of the Guard" (*Sullivan*).

A memorable day for the Regiment closed with the annual St. George's Ball, given by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants in the Gymnasium. To this function representatives of other regiments in Ulster had been invited, and there was an assemblage of some 250 guests.

It is interesting to recall that the "FIGHTING FIFTH" since its formation in 1674 has been stationed eleven times in Ireland. Previous sojourns in Ulster included 1772–1773, when companies were quartered at Gilford, Lurgan, Armagh, Hillsborough, Newry and Killyleagh. At this time the Regiment was engaged in suppressing the "Hearts of Oak Boys." The next stay was from 1785 to 1787, when the most memorable incidents were the service rendered by men of the Bn. in extinguishing a fire in Belfast, for which they received the thanks of the Mayor of the day, and the presentation of new Colours, which took place in the old parish church in 1786. Fifty-six years elapsed before the Regiment again came to Ulster, Belfast and Enniskillen having the honour of housing it in 1843–4; while Newry was its headquarters in 1886–7. This last visit included the period of the Belfast riots, during which two companies of the Regiment were called out in support of the civil power, and received the thanks of the city for the second time.

It should be mentioned in connection with yesterday's celebration, that the excellent arrangements for the Press were in the hands of Lieut. C. W. Holdsworth-Hunt.

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We very much regret to announce the death, on St. George's Day, of Fus. F. J. Threadkill, who died in Ballykinlar Hospital, in the evening, of pneumonia after a short illness, and we would like to extend our sympathy to his brother, Fus. Threadkill, now serving in the Battalion, and to his parents who journeyed from Darlington for the funeral. Fus. Threadkill was buried with military honours in Tyrella Parish Churchyard on Sunday, 25th. Among the wreaths were two made by men of his Company, of red and white roses, a fitting tribute to a good comrade who died on St. George's Day.

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The North Ireland District Bronze Medal Tournament was held at Belfast on 31st March and 1st April. The Bn. had entered for two bayonet fencing team events, officers' individual bayonet fencing, other ranks' individual bayonet fencing, 110 stone tug-of-war, and 130 stone tug-of-war.

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In the first round of the team bayonet fencing we met, and were defeated by thirteen losses to five, by the 1st Bn. The Sherwood Foresters, who eventually fought out the final with the 1st Bn. Durham Light Infantry, who defeated them.

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Considering that no such competitions were held on the Rhine, and that this was therefore the first time, anyway for

130-STONE TEAM.

Top Row (left to right).—Fus. McHale, Fus. Thompson, Fus. Sherburn, Fus. Oyston, Fus. O'Hara, Fus. Parker.
Front Row (sitting).—Lieut. Carr-Ellison, C.S.M. Farrell (Army P.T. Staff), Lieut. Beckwith, Cpl. Ross, Cpl. Dennis, Lce.-Cpl. Stolbert.

some years, that the Battalion had entered for such a competition, our representatives did well against units who had had more experience here and who had started training teams even before we left Germany.

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In the Officers' individual bayonet fencing, Mr. Yorke worked his way into the final pool, and was eventually placed 3rd.

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In the other ranks' individual, Cpl. Ross and Fus. Fenn were both in the final pool, and were placed 3rd and 4th respectively.

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We were successful in winning both the tug-of-war competitions.

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Both teams drew byes in the first round. In the semi-final the 130 stone team defeated the Durham Light Infantry by two pulls to none, and in the final the 12th A.C. Coy. Royal Tank Corps by two pulls to none.

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In the 110 stone competition we beat the West Yorkshire Regt. by two pulls to none, and in the final the H.L.I. by two pulls to none.

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Neither team looked at any time like losing a pull—in fact in all their pulls the rope never went more than six inches in the "enemy" direction. Both teams are to be congratulated on having secured these two events for the Battalion. They won by being physically fitter than other teams, and through superior training and coaching. Once more our thanks are due to C.S.M. Farrell, Army P.T. Staff, for the trouble he took in coaching our teams and for the large amount of his time that he gave us; also to Cpl. Ross, who helped to train the teams and who coached them in the competitions. Both teams, by winning the U.I.D. Championship are qualified to compete at Olympia. Both have been entered and are hard at work training every day. We wish them every success.

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The Inter-Company Team Boxing for the Hart Shield took place in the Gymnasium on the nights of 14th and 15th of March, and resulted in "Z" Company running out eventual winners by the fairly comfortable margin of 7½ points over the next Company nearest to them.

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The actual points won by respective companies were as follows:—

"Z" Company	24
"W" Company	17
"X" Company	15
"Y" Company	

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The following table shows the draw and results of contests:—

Feather-Weight.

Fus. Marshall, "W" Coy. Fus. Colligham, "Z" Coy.	Marshall, "W" Coy.	Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, "X" Coy.
Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, "X" Coy. Fus. Buttery, "Y" Coy.	Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, "X" Coy.	

Welter-Weight "A."

Cpl. Hackett, "Z" Coy. Fus. Vinton, "W" Coy.	Hackett, "Z" Coy.	Hackett, "Z" Coy.
Cpl. Roper, "Y" Coy. Fus. Colley, "X" Coy.	Roper, "Y" Coy.	

Middle-Weight.

Fus. King, "Y" Coy. Fus. Cornwall, "Z" Coy.	Cornwall, "Z" Coy.	Cornwall, "Z" Coy.
Fus. Good, "X" Coy. Lce.-Cpl. Bell, "W" Coy.	Good, "X" Coy.	

Catch-Weight.

Fus. Stockton, "Y" Coy. Fus. Barrett, "W" Coy.	Stockton, "Y" Coy.	Stockton, "Y" Coy.
Fus. Sherburn, "Z" Coy. Fus. Thompson, "X" Coy.	Sherburn, "Z" Coy.	

Bantam-Weight.

Fus. Donaghy, "Z" Coy. Bdmn. Anderson, "W" Coy.	Donaghy, "Z" Coy.	Donaghy, "Z" Coy.
	w.o. Fus. Kelly, "X" Coy.	

Light-Weight.

Cpl. Ross, "Z" Coy. Fus. Travers, "Y" Coy.	Ross, "Z" Coy.	Ross, "Z" Coy.
Fus. Simpson, "W" Coy. Lce.-Cpl. Flint, "X" Coy.	Simpson, "W" Coy.	

Welter-Weight "B."

Fus. Sharpe, "Z" Coy. Fus. Simpson, "X" Coy.	Sharpe, "Z" Coy.	McCaffrey, "W" Coy.
Fus. McCaffrey, "W" Coy. Fus. Irwin, "Y" Coy.	McCaffrey, "W" Coy.	

Light Heavy-Weight.

Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, "Y" Coy. Fus. Chambers, "X" Coy.	Naylor, "Y" Coy.	Naylor, "Y" Coy.
Fus. Hywood, "W" Coy. Fus. McHale, "Z" Coy.	Hywood, "W" Coy.	

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The show throughout was a great success. The standard of boxing was higher than it has been for some years in the Regiment. Moreover it was very satisfactory to note the excellent standard of physical fitness among the competitors, and the spirit and determination with which all, winners and losers alike, set about their work. Anyone comparing this year's Regimental Boxing with that of recent years would hardly be

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exaggerating if they were to say that boxing in the Regiment had been revolutionised. The causes of this vast improvement are not hard to find, and are (1) The great advantages of Ballykinlar, as opposed to Cologne, for training, with its healthier climate, its absence of distractions of a less athletic nature, and its freedom from Garrison employ; (2) the excellent start given to boxing this year by the fact of the Regimental team having trained as it has not trained for years, and having won the U.I.D. Championship, thereby greatly stimulating interest in boxing throughout the Battalion; (3) the good boxing material which has recently been arriving from the Depôt.

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Space will not permit the various fights to be described in detail. Suffice it to say that the Regimental Boxing team acquitted themselves well (Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart was unable to box owing to an injury at football) and set a good example in boxing and in physical fitness to the remainder. Of the remainder, Fusiliers Simpson, Cornwall, Buttery and Sherburn may be singled out as showing promise of becoming first-rate boxers if they were to be taken in hand and trained, and themselves took it seriously. Fus. Donaghy and Fus. McCaffery, both recent arrivals from the Depôt, may be included in the above category, and are to be congratulated on winning their weights in such convincing style. They should do well for the Regiment in years to come if they stick to it.

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Fus. Barratt set an excellent example of pluck and spirit in his fight against Stockton, a tougher and more experienced boxer, and so did Fus. Sherburn.

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The last fight of the series was an object lesson in the large part played in boxing by physical fitness, and that moral quality best described by the word "guts." Without being well supplied with both these qualities, Cpl. Ross must surely have lost his fight to Fus. Simpson, who has a useful punch and landed on him so successfully in the first round that he was floored several times. In the 2nd and 3rd rounds Cpl. Ross's fitness told, and he outboxed his opponent, who, however, gave an excellent account of himself,

110-STONE TEAM.

Top Row (left to right).—Sgt. Baker, Fus. Irwin, Cpl. Roper, Fus. Colley, Fus. McGarry.
Middle Row.—Lce.-Cpl. Naylor, Capt. Pemberton, Cpl. Ross, Fus. Cornwall.
Bottom Row.—Lce.-Cpl. Farthing, Fus. Stockton.

The following were the results of the weights fighting :—

			Total.
"W" Coy.	1st night, 12 pts.;	2nd night, 5 pts.	.. 17
"X" ,,	,, 11 pts.	,, 4 pts.	.. 15
"Y" ,,	,, 10 pts.	,, 5 pts.	.. 15
"Z" ,,	,, 14 pts.	,, 10 pts.	.. 24

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During the month both Inter-Company Football Leagues have been played off, also the Paget Horse Cup Competition. This year, for the first time since 1923, when the H.Q. Wing was formed, these competitions have been played on a four-company basis instead of on a six-company one, the personnel of H.Q. Wing being all affiliated to the remaining companies for all competitions.

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Although this means that there are less men actually playing in League games, there is no doubt that the results of the scheme have been very good, inasmuch as the standard of play in all the games has been of a much higher order.

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"A" League and "B" League were won by "Z" and "W" Companies respectively, and the following tables show the run of the games and points gained :—

"A" LEAGUE.

	versus "W"	versus "X"	versus "Y"	versus "Z"	Total	Order
"W" Coy.	—	1	2	0	3	3rd
"X" ,,	1	—	2	1	4	2nd
"Y" ,,	0	0	—	0	0	4th
"Z" ,,	2	1	2	—	5	1st

"B" LEAGUE.

	versus "W"	versus "X"	versus "Y"	versus "Z"	Total	Order
"W" Coy.	—	0	2	2	4	1st
"X" ,,	2	—	1	0	3	Equal 2nd
"Y" ,,	0	1	—	1	2	4th
"Z" ,,	0	2	1	—	3	Equal 2nd

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The final of the Paget Horse Cup was fought out between "X" and "Z" Companies, and produced a clean, fast game, which "X" Company eventually won by 2 goals to 1, thereby winning the Cup.

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The Shield for "A" League, and the Cup for "B" League, and the Paget Horse Cup, were presented to the winning teams by the Commanding Officer after this game.

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The first of a series of Regimental Rifle Meetings was held on the 21st April, and in spite of bad weather was well attended. There were competitions open to all classes of shots.

The following is a list of prize-winners at this meeting :—

NAME.	COY.	PTS.	PRIZE
Class I.			
Sgt. Ratcliff	"W"	32	
Fus. Lowly	"W"	27	5/–
Sgt. Hobbs	"X"	26	2/6
Fus. Blakey	"X"	26	2/6
Fus. Swann	"W"	25	2/6
Class II.			
Sgt. Finnamore	"W"	24	6/3
Cpl. Danaford	"Z"	24	6/3
Sgt. Byrne	"Z"	23	2/6
Lce.-Cpl. Smart	"X"	23	2/6
Sgt. D'Orey	"Z"	22	2/6

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NAME.	COY.	PTS.	PRIZE
Class III.			
Fus. MacDonald	"X"	26	7/6
Fus. J. Mitchell	M.G.	23	5/-
Fus. Oates	H.Q.	17	2/6
Fus. Foster	M.G.	17	2/6
Fus. R. Sanderson	"Z"	14	2/6
Fus. Boyd	"X"	14	2/6
Class IV.			
Fus. Eager	H.Q.	23	7/7
Fus. Birch	"X"	18	5/-
Fus. Redpath	"Z"	16	2/6
Fus. Ramsey	"Y"	14	2/6
Fus. Ryan	"Z"	14	2/6
Fus. McQueen	"Z"	14	2/6
Class V.			
Fus. Duncan	"X"	33	7/6
Fus. Donaghy	"Z"	31	3/6
Fus. Miller	"X"	31	3/6
Lce.-Cpl. Peacock	"Z"	31	3/9
Fus. Usher	"Z"	30	2/6
Fus. Morgan	"X"	30	2/6
Pool Bull—			
Cpl. Thompson	"W"	two	13/-
Fus. Fuller	"Y"	one	6/7

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We are glad to welcome Major and Mrs. Booth, and Capt. Owen, who have arrived during the past month.

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Capt. Rushbrooke, we are glad to say, has been discharged from hospital, and is getting along well. He will be on sick leave, however, till 7th June.

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After this somewhat breathless month of sport, followed by St. George's Day, our thoughts now turn soberly to the coming General Inspection on 30th April, which we shall have survived or succumbed to before these notes are in print.

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Hunting finished here at the end of March, when the Point-to-point season started, and they continue almost to the beginning of May.

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Owing to our arrival here so late in the season we have not had so many hunting as we may hope for next year, and certainly not nearly enough to satisfy Copp, who would like to see the stables full and who has kept the few horses that there are in the pink of condition.

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The 1st Point-to-Point was that of the East Down Harriers held at Bright, on the 27th March, at which meeting the Officers of the Regiment were "at home," and our Band helped to enliven the proceedings.

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The Garrison Race, open to all officers in the North of Ireland District, attracted 12 starters—of which we provided 4, viz.:

Mr. K. A. Seth-Smith's b.g. "Tall Storey" (owner).
Mr. R. H. Yorke's grey, "Ballee" (Owner).
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench's br.m. "Judy" (Mr. Crawhall).
Major J. F. Chenevix-Trench's b.g., "Dorabil" (Mr. MacMullen).

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Mr. Seth-Smith finished 2nd on "Tall Storey," and Mr. Crawhall 4th on "Judy." All 12 starters completed the course.

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Besides riding in the Garrison Race, Mr. Seth-Smith rode his horse "Canbuttry" into first place in the Hunt Race, but owing to being unfortunate enough to go the wrong side of a flag was disqualified. He had a third ride in the Farmers' Race—riding an unknown quantity in "Black Bess III.," which though reputed to be able to jump a house came to grief after the first round.

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The race was over quite a sporting course of banks and ditches—three times round, with a total of no less than 39 obstacles!

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It was an admirable course for spectators, and to quote from the local press, "the country all round in its spring dress looked very beautiful in the warm sunshine, and the trilling of skylarks away up in the air could be heard above the discordant tumult of the bookmakers' chorus."

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Mr. Seth-Smith also rode his horse "Canbuttry" in the Open Hunt Race at the Comber Meeting on 3rd April, and at the Armagh Point-to-Point we had two representatives in Mr. MacMullen riding Mr. Seth-Smith's "Tall Storey" and Mr. Seth-Smith riding his "Canbuttry," which finished 6th out of a field of 14 in the Ballyards Cup Race. This was a steeplechase course, and as in most of the point-to-points round here the majority of the horses are more race-horses than hunters.

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We are glad to hear that Mr. Bolster finished 4th in the Military Race held in the Bedale Country.

WHIPPET CLUB NOTES.

On Monday, 5th April, the Whippet Club held its first 100 Yards Handicap Race, open to all dogs and bitches registered in the Whippet Club books.

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Being Easter Monday, a large crowd of spectators assembled on the Whippet Race Track to witness the race.

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The course was in good condition, and the weather most favourable, and all who attended witnessed a thrilling spectacle at 10.30 a.m., when the dogs were placed on their marks, looking fit, and straining every muscle to be off. Then the noise of the runners-up and the barking and eagerness of the dogs to get off the mark, was worth going far to see and hear.

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At the entrance to the course a large blackboard had been placed, and on it were written the names of the officials and also the names of owners and dogs entered for the race, together with their Handicaps. The following is a list of the officials, owners and dogs:—

Judge—Lt.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Starter—Lieut. I. J. Kilgour.

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Time-keeper—Lieut. C. W. Holdesworth Hunt.
Clerks of the Course—Lieut. F. H. Butterfield and Lieut. C. E. Beckwith.
Handicapper—Lieut. C. F. C. Carr-Ellison.
Marksman—Sgt. B. Hurt.
Clerk of the Scales—Fus. O'Hara.
Police Superintendent—Sgt. Phillips.
Police Constable—Fus. Lepine.

No. 1—Black collar, Lce.-Cpl. Flint's "Monkey" ..	scratch
No. 2.—Gosling green and cerise, Fus. Anderson's "Princess"	95½
No. 3—Cerise, Fus. Fenn's "Orange Girl"	89½
No. 4—Gosling green, Fus. Bane's "Wee Sandy"	scratch
No. 5—White, Fus. Rarity's "Happy Fanny" ..	86½

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THE RACE.

As soon as the marksman had placed the dogs on their respective marks, the runners-up waving and calling to their dogs ran down the tapes and when well past the finish Lieut. Kilgour dropped the flag and a fine start was witnessed, each dog ran fast and straight, and a fine finish was fought out. The order was :—

1st	No. 4—"Wee Sandy"	from scratch.
2nd	No. 2—"Princess"	95½ yds.
3rd	No. 5—"Happy Fanny"	86½ yds.
4th	No. 1—"Monkey"	scratch.
	No. 3—"Orange Girl"	89½ yds.

Time of winner—6 4/5 *secs.*

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Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., then presented the Cup to Fus. Bane, and after congratulating the winner said he hoped the Club would soon get some more whippets and so increase the popularity of the sport.

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After the meeting a Spaniel Race was seen to be taking place :—Lieut. Beckwith's "Kip" winning on a slack run from Col. Herbert's "Rajah." Time not recorded.

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On Wednesday, 7th April, Fus. Jubb registered a new recruit, "Peggy," brindle bitch, aged 2 years 6 months, which brings the total to date up to 2 dogs and 4 bitches.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR CAMP,
April, 1926.

The Billiard Handicap mentioned in our last issue has at last drawn to a conclusion, the handicaps and results being as follows :—

HANDICAPS.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	290	Lce.-Sgt. Peppiatt ..	200
S/Sgt. Taylor	220	Q.M.S. Gale	170
Lce.-Sgt. Finnamore ..	210	Sgt. Duggan	150
C.S.M. Mellors ..	180	Drm.-Major Hebbron	270
Sgt. Hallion	150	Sgt. Walsh	210
Sgt. Crawley	100	C.Q.M.S. Lewis ..	180
C.S.M. Watson ..	300	Sgt. Wagg	170
Sgt. Murphy	220	C.S.M. Dipper	140

First Round.

C.S.M. Watson ..	300	*v.*	Dmr.-Major Hebbron	178
Q.M.S. Gale	152	*v.*	Sgt. Peppiatt ..	200
Sgt. Wagg	167	*v.*	C.S.M. Mellors ..	180
Lce.-Sgt. Finnamore ..	210	*v.*	C.Q.M.S. Lewis ..	175
C.S.M. Dipper ..	139	*v.*	R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	290
Sgt. Walsh	175	*v.*	Sgt. Murphy	220
Sgt. Hallion	91	*v.*	Sgt. Crawley	100
Sgt. Duggan	155	*v.*	S/Sgt. Taylor ..	220

Second Round.

Lce.-Sgt. Peppiatt ..	100	*v.*	C.S.M. Mellors (scrat'd.)	28
R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	290	*v.*	Sgt. Murphy	150
C.S.M. Watson ..	300	*v.*	S/Sgt. Taylor ..	162
Lce.-Sgt. Finnamore ..	162	*v.*	Sgt. Crawley ..	100

Semi-Finals.

Lce.-Sgt. Peppiatt ..	187	*v.*	R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	290
Sgt. Crawley	100	*v.*	C.S.M. Watson ..	270

Final.

Sgt. Crawley	100	*v.*	R.Q.M.S. Ambury ..	289

In the Final, R.Q.M.S. Ambury made the following breaks—34, 28, 25 and 22.

In the Semi-final between Lce.-Sgt. Peppiatt and R.Q.M.S. Ambury, a number of good breaks were made by both players.

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R.Q.M.S. Ambury, in addition to this competition, also played in the First Round of the Northern Irish District Championship. This game was played in the Sandes Soldiers' Home at Ballykinlar, on the 1st April, 1926, his opponent being Pte. Middlington, of the West Yorkshire Regt.

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The game was watched by an audience of about two hundred.

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The score was to be 300 up, and R.Q.M.S. Ambury proved to be the winner, his opponent only reaching 231.

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Both players played a very good game, although Middlington appeared to get a little fed-up with the "bad leaves," and lost heart.

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The Second Round of this Championship was played at the same place—R.Q.M.S. Ambury *v.* Pte. Chick, Royal Corps of Signals. Ambury won easily, the score being 400 against 288, thus qualifying for the Semi-final at Belfast.

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The Semi-final was played at Belfast on the 15th April, 1926, in Victoria Barracks—R.Q.M.S. Ambury *v.* Master Gunner Andrews. Score = 500 up.

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Ambury was up against a very good man, the winner of the Army Billiards Championship of last year.

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There is no doubt whatever that the better man won.

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R.Q.M.S. Ambury was not playing up to form, but even if he had been his opponent had him in the hollow of his hand.

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However, the R.Q.M.S. is to be congratulated on having got so far.

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Our Saturday night functions still go merrily on, and everybody enjoys them thoroughly.

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Competitions for the ladies are rife, the latest one being "Skittles." The prize-winners were: 1st, Mrs. Humphries; 2nd, Miss Miller.

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On the 5th April a Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess, an affair which proved to be a very great success.

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The winners at Whist were as follows:—

Ladies.—1st, Miss Miller; 2nd, Mrs. McDonald (West Yorks); 3rd, Mrs. Lister; *Booby*, Mrs. Ratliff.

Gents.—1st, Mr. Craven; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Ludford; 3rd, Sgt. Ratliff; *Booby*, Mr. Sutton.

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The only hope of the members of the Mess is that Mr. Sutton will find great pleasure in the use of his prize.

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It was a pair of silk stockings.

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The Committee are to be thanked for providing a very enjoyable evening.

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While thanking the Committee, the name of Mrs. Gale must be mentioned. This lady arranged the whole of the refreshments for the Whist Drive and Dance, and did so in a very creditable manner.

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Mrs. Gale has been an untiring worker in the interests of the Mess on many occasions.

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All members join in offering their thanks for her very good work.

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Sgt. Hallion has left us to go to the 6th Battalion at St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Good luck, and may he prosper in his new sphere of life.

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Sgt. Moore has returned from a course at Netheravon, looking *very* happy.

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The result of same course is not yet known, but let's hope for the best.

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Congratulations to Sgt. Greaves on obtaining a Qualified Class I. from his course at Hythe.

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Sgt. Hullyer has joined us from the 6th Bn., on being relieved by Sergt. Hallion.

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We welcome him to the fold, and sincerely hope his stay with us will be a happy one.

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Owing to preparations for St. George's Ball these notes have been curtailed, but more anon.

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CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

April, 1926.

Since last month's notes we have had numerous additions to our ranks—they are all heartily welcomed.

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At last, after various rumours, a Dance has been definitely arranged to be held in the Garrison Gymnasium on Monday, 26th April.

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A football match against the Officers of the Battalion was played, from which the Corporals' Club emerged the victors by the narrow margin of one goal—the score being 5—4.

It is rumoured that negotiations are in progress regarding the transfer of our stalwart custodian to a well-known "blow-football" club in the district. Our linesman is also to be congratulated on his plucky display. Cpl. Dennis, with the aid of the cross bar, managed to stop a penalty taken by Mr. Beckwith, but Mr. MacMullen scored from the rebound. A rebound of a different nature was noticed when Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart ran up against Mr. Beckwith.

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The Club was represented by the following:—

Dennis.
Stobbart. Kirby.
Hacket. Bell (W.) Ross.
Obey (J.) Shields. Smart. Jarmain. Taylor (J.)

Scorers—Smart, 4; Jarmain, 1.

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It was noticed that a certain N.C.O. who knows a thing or two about "undercut" had a "flag-day" at the prize shooting competition, held on the 20th inst.

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Certain members of the Club appear to be in strict training, bottles of various sizes are to be seen in their possession, but the contents of the bottles is a matter for discussion.

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We were glad to see the large number of members that took part in the Hart Shield Boxing. A feature of the boxing was the return match between Cpls. Rober and Hackett—this was indeed "some fight." The rubber will be fought for at the next meeting. (May the best man win.)

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Owing to the limited amount of passes issued by the "mem sahibs," the married Corporals were only represented by one member (Cpl. Ross), whose better half at present has nothing to do with his privileges.

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The hammer thrower of the Corporals' Club has been heard to remark "that given two years' training, he will break the world's record."

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We hear that a N.C.O. and three were detailed to escort the Dragon in the unavoidable absence of St. George on a cross-country run; unfortunately Lce.-Cpl. Ashton could not be found, and the detail was altered accordingly.

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It is to be hoped that the weather clerk will arrange for the climatic conditions on St. George's Day to be of the best.

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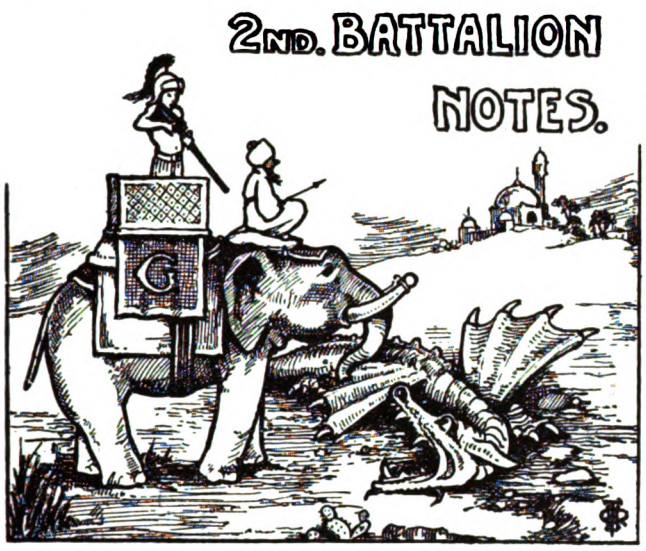

FYZABAD,
24th March, 1926.

Athletics, football and hockey have again occupied us most of the month.

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It was with deep regret that we said good-bye to Major Athill, who has departed for England on two months' leave prior to retiring after 26 years' service.

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We have to welcome Major Critchley-Salmonson and Captain Edgeworth Johnstone, who have come to us from the 1st Bn.

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We have also had to say good-bye to Lieut. Jenney, whose one year's attachment to us has finished. He has been posted to the 1/4th Bombay Grenadiers. We wish him the best of luck.

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One of the chief events of interest has been the weekly meet of the Fyzabad Tripe Hounds. On Thursday, 4th March, this famous pack met at the Old Rifle Range. The M.T.H. and Mrs. Baxter kindly entertained the field to breakfast after the Hunt. A detailed account appears elsewhere.

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The Officers' Mess is the richer for a signed photograph of Lt.-Col. A. C. L. Hardman Jones, D.S.O., who commanded this Battalion for three and a half years during the war, and has just completed his four years in command of the 1st Battalion. An almost unique record, we believe.

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We shall treasure this picture as a memento of our Battalion Commander during the Great War, as well as a record of Col. Hardman Jones' long service in the 2nd Battalion. The series of Commanders of the 2nd Battalion since the South African War is now complete, with the exception of Brig.-Gen. J. F. Riddell, D.S.O.

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On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the month we held the Regimental Sports. Some very good times—in fact Army records—were done. There is no truth in the rumour that the time-keeper failed to start his watch off until the competitors were half round the course.

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On 19th March, the Regimental Football Team met the Cheshire Regt. in the final of the Murray Cup, on the ground of the 2nd Lincolns at Lucknow. We were beaten by 4 goals to 0, but the team are to be congratulated on reaching the finals. A special train was run to Lucknow, so that as many as wished to could see the match. About 400 men went in, and thanks are due to the D.C.L.I. for their kindness in arranging for meals, and sending their Band to the station to play us into barracks.

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Things we want to know. The name of the Rajah who, when asking for our Band to play at a wedding, wrote and said: "Please inform me if there are any Europeans in your Band, and if so, how many?"

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We had several entries in the Lucknow Horse Show. We condole with those whose ponies were sent out hardly before they had entered the ring. Mr. Martin is to be congratulated on winning 2nd prize in the C.B. Class with his pony "All Clear." Some of our officers' method of returning swords when mounted is not as laid down in I.T.

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"C" Company are to be congratulated on winning the Inter-Company hockey, and "D" Company the cricket.

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The Inter-Company boxing was held during the month. "D" Company proved the winners, reversing the order of last year when "B" Company just won from "D" Company.

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On 20th March, Fus. McMullen fought Pte. Phipps, 1st D.C.L.I., in a six-round contest at Lucknow. He was just beaten on points, but is to be congratulated on a good, clean fight.

THE REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL, NEAR THE ALUMBAGH.
IT STANDS IN THE FIELDS, ABOUT 400 YDS. S.E. OF THE 5TH MILESTONE ON THE CAWNPORE ROAD, NEAR BARGAWAN VILLAGE.

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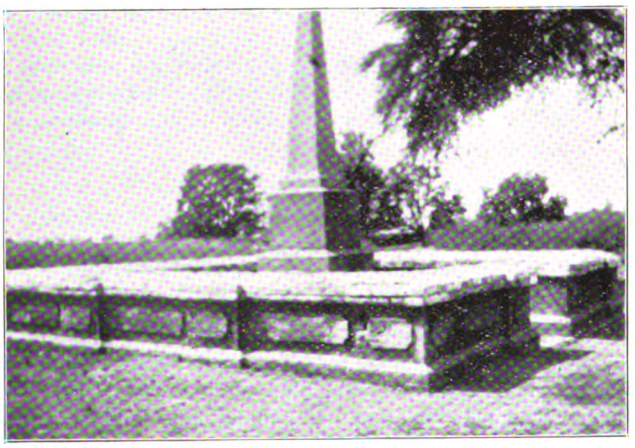
INTER-COMPANY BOXING TOURNAMENT.

(By "Tallfeller.")

The Inter-Company Boxing Tournament took place on 9th, 12th and 13th March, and, under the new membership rules of



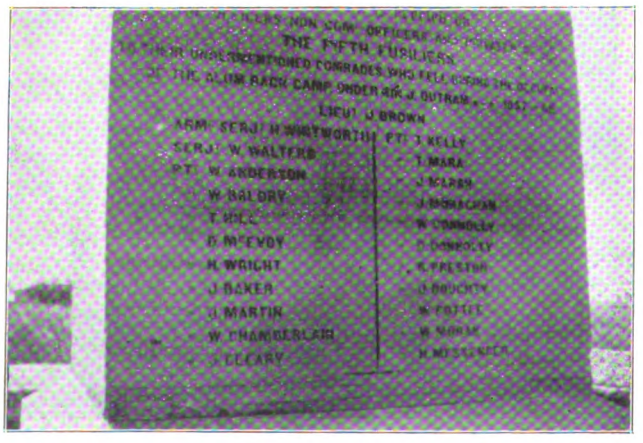
The Regimental Memorial, near the Alumbagh.

the Boxing Club, there was increased patronage with stout and hard fighting for all to witness.

The Team Cup was won by "D" Company, after a close finish with "B" Coy., so the happenings of the previous year, when "B" Coy. won from "D" Coy. after a most exciting finish, were thereby reversed.

In presenting the prizes the Commanding Officer mentioned the keen contests which are a feature of all Fusilier meetings, and in particular referred to the great fight put up by Fus. Oakes of "B" Coy. against Fus. Phillips of "D" Coy.

Three rousing cheers for the Commanding Officer, and again



Inscription on the Regimental Memorial.

for Major Hume Wright, whose services as referee have so often been placed at our disposal, brought the tournament to a close.

There were a number of outstanding contests in the earlier series, in which hard hitting combined, in some cases, with a deal of clever boxing, elicited due appreciation from all and sundry.

Fus. Johnson, of "B" Coy., and Fus. Walden, of "A" Coy., was an example of the hard hitting type of bout. Both men took heavy blows. Johnson was the cleverer boxer, but Walden fought with vim and landed often with swings to the head. Johnson retaliated with straight lefts and rights. Walden tired and Johnson was a narrow winner at the close.

Fus. Hawkins, H.Q., a neat boxer, found Antcliffe, of "D" Coy., a tough proposition. Hawkins led well on the first two rounds by clever two-handed boxing. Antcliffe was very persistent in the third round, and despite the earlier punishment he had received he fought his opponent to win the round. He could not make up the deficit, however, and lost the fight—a game loser.

Fus. Rutter, H.Q., and Lce.-Cpl. Caterick, "B" Coy., were

Tombstone of Edwin Haig in the Alumbagh Cemetery.

markedly opposite in build. Caterick's long reach kept his opponent well off, but at times when Rutter managed to mix it he scored freely. Caterick was the cleverer boxer, and with a good deal of ring experience as a Regimental boxer he won comfortably at the close.

Ring experience stood Cpl. Palmer, of "D" Coy., in good stead against Dmr. Crispin, of H.Q. Crispin was continuously on the aggressive, but Palmer's clever body swerve caused the drummer to miss repeatedly. On each occasion as Crispin came in Palmer landed his left and piled up a good number of points to win the fight.

The feather-weight contest between Fus. Phillips, of "D" Coy., and Fus. Oakes, of "B" Coy., was productive of everything that is manly and noble in the pugilistic art. It is many years since we saw such gameness, and to make this assertion is saying a great deal, remembering all the fine contests one has witnessed amongst men of the Battalion in the years gone by. From the very start the fighting developed on hard hitting lines.

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Phillips brought every punch which he knows into use. Hard body blows and two-handed fighting, with terrific punching power behind, failed to impress upon Oakes. The latter fought

TOMBSTONE OF SIR HENRY HAVELOCK IN THE ALUMBAGH CEMETERY.

back like a tiger and shook Phillips with blows to the head. Phillips repeatedly worked into close quarters by means of a clever swerve, but, although he landed with great force, he found Oakes game to the core—fighting back to land telling blows on his opponent.

The third round started in the same electric fashion. At one period both stood toe to toe, Phillips relying upon a body swerve to avoid heavy swings, and then hammering away at his opponent. The blows resounded, but Oakes was not behind in his administration of punishment, and Phillips took a good number of nasty swings to the head in the same game fashion as he had given. Oakes set himself to last the round and, despite all Phillips' experience and clever ring work, he could not finish off his opponent. Phillips had expended most of his energy and Oakes' body was a painted picture at the close—but what an example of pluck! The cheers were deafening.

In the second series light-weights, Fus. Lawson, of "C" Coy., who had fought so continuously well at his weight, was beaten by Fus. Wright, of "D" Coy., a hard hitting two-handed fighter with any amount of pluck and persistency. Wright has just advanced from the novices class, where he was beaten in the final of class "B" in camp, and promises to develop into a talented exponent. The semi-finals and finals were fought on the last night. Fus. McMullen easily disposed of Lce.-Cpl. Leatherland in the fly-weight final. A right hook to the point sent Leatherland down for a second time to be counted out.

In the feather-weight semi-finals Fus. Phillips, "D" Coy., was much too good for Brett, of "D" Coy. Fus. Fraser, "C" Coy., and Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke, "B" Coy., fought a hard contest. Fraser displayed quick footwork and, aided by this, was on the aggressive most of the time. Darting in and out, he landed often with his left and occasionally got in a right swing. O'Rourke came along well in the last round, but Fraser had a good margin and won the fight.

In the final, Phillips, "D" Coy., sent Fraser to the boards twice with hard blows before the latter was counted out in the first round.

Wright, of "D" Coy., beat Wilson, of H.Q., in the light-weight semi-final by persistent fighting. The pair had previously met in camp, in the Novices final, when Wilson won. Wilson tried repeatedly to land an upper cut, the type of blow with which he had previously disposed of most of his opponents. Wright covered well and, standing straight with arms well forward, worked his way in to score with both hands. Wilson finished the fight in plucky fashion with a nasty cut over the left eye.

In the other semi-final, Hawkins, H.Q., and Fawcett, "A," fought a close fight. Hawkins was clever and escaped some heavy swings by a sure use of his head. Hawkins won.

The final of the weight produced another close contest. Wright fought with the same persistency, getting in with both hands to the head. He was never slow in following up and scored mostly in this direction. Hawkins did not display the same form as in the earlier contests, yet he inflicted punishment with effect, to lose narrowly.

In the welter-weight semi-finals, Wright, "B" Coy., was disqualified in the third round for hitting low, after having been previously cautioned for hitting whilst holding. He appeared to be leading at this stage and might have won the fight with a little more care.

Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, "B" Coy., and Cpl. Palmer, "D" Coy. put up a fine contest. Palmer was beautiful in his evasion of punishment and piled up a heap of points by quick returns in the first round. He appeared to be well in the lead in the second round, where he again scored rapidly with his left. Catterick forced the fighting in the last round, getting in a number of long leads to the body and a hard right to the head. It was a close fight, and Catterick got the verdict.

Catterick proved too experienced for Wilson in the final. His long reach kept Wilson well off, and the continual jabbing of his left to the head piled up a vast number of points. Wilson, known to us all as a game fighter, tried hard to get in and when he did succeed he hit with force with both hands. Most of his blows were, however, directed to the head, and Catterick, covering well, met most of these on his gloves. Catterick was a good winner.

Fus. Johnson, "B" Coy., was no match for Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, "B" Coy., in the middle-weight final. Whitelock worked

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his left in piston-like fashion throughout, and appeared to be able to win at any time. The referee awarded him the contest in the second round, when Johnson appeared to be done after

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withstanding a good many jolts and jabs on the upper part of the target.

The catch-weight final saw Leach, " B " Coy., force all the

" D " Coy., 2ND Bn. Fifth Fusiliers.

WINNERS, BN. RIFLE MEETING CUP, 1926.

Standing.—Lce.-Cpl. B. Ripley, Fus. J. Wild, Lce.-Cpl. C. Lye, Fus. W. Edgar, Fus. F. Ward, Fus. R. Knotts, Fus. T. Phillips.

Seated.—Cpl. T. Richardson, Cpl. G. Cross, C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M. (Grand aggregate), Capt. E. H. Baxter, Sgt. W. Earl, Cpl. W. Young, Cpl. A. McPhie.

fighting in the first round. He landed often and with force. Hayton was kept solely on the defensive, and could not keep out his opponent. The second round started off in similar fashion, Leach forcing the fighting until a heavy right to the point sent him to the boards. He rose dazed, and another hard right to the point, followed quickly by a left to the jaw, sent him down and out.

RESULTS.

Fly-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Buckle, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Clarke, " B " Coy.

Semi-final.—Lce.-Cpl. Leatherland, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Buckle, " B " Coy.; Fus. McMullen, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Allan, H.Q.

Final.—Fus. McMullen, " D " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Leatherland, " D " Coy.

Bantam-Weight.

Semi-final.—Fus. Malone, " D " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Coyle, " B " Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Burke, " C " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Johnson, " D " Coy.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Burke, " C " Coy., beat Fus. Malone, " D " Coy.

Feather-Weight.

1st Series.—Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Marshall, H.Q.; Fus. Phillips, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Oakes, " B " Coy.; Fus. Brett, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Smith, " A " Coy.

Semi-final.—Fus. Phillips, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Brett, " D " Coy.; Fus. Fraser, " C " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. O'Rourke, " B " Coy.

Final.—Fus. Phillips, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Fraser, " C " Coy.

Light-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Lawson, " C " Coy., beat Cpl. Boon, " B " Coy.; Fus. Hawkins, H.Q., beat A/Dmr. Antcliffe, " D " Coy.; Fus. Fawcett, " A " Coy., beat Fus. De Costa, " A " Coy.

2nd Series.—Fus. Wright, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Lawson, " C " Coy.; Fus. Wilson, H.Q., beat Fus. Price, " B " Coy.

Semi-final.—Fus. Wright, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Wilson, H.Q.; Fus. Hawkins, H.Q., beat Fus. Fawcett, " A " Coy.

Final.—Fus. Wright, " D " Coy., beat Fus. Hawkins, H.Q.

Welter-Weight.—1st Series.—Fus. Wright, " B " Coy., beat Lce.-Cpl. Stephens, " D " Coy.; Fus. Wilson, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Smith, " A " Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Rutter, H.Q.; Cpl. Palmer, " D " Coy., beat A/Dmr. Crispin, H.Q.

Semi-final.—Fus. Wilson, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Wright, " B " Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., beat Cpl. Palmer, " D " Coy.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Catterick, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Wilson, " A " Coy.

Middle-Weight

1st Series.—Fus. Johnson, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Walden " A " Coy.

Semi-final.—Fus. Johnson, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Hunter, " D " Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Coxon, " D " Coy.

Final.—Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Johnson, " B " Coy.

Catch-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Leach, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Edgar, " D " Coy.

Semi-final.—Fus. Leach, " B " Coy., beat Fus. Carter, " B " Coy.; Fus. Hayton, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Strong, " D " Coy.

Final.—Fus. Hayton, " A " Coy., beat Fus. Leach, " B " Coy.

TEAM PLACING.

" D " Company	.. .. ..	51 points.
" B " Company	.. .. ..	43 ,,
" A " Company	.. .. ..	22 ,,
H.Q. Wing	.. .. ..	18 ,,
" C " Company	.. .. ..	13 ,,

" D " Coy., 2ND Bn. Fifth Fusiliers.

WINNERS OF THE INTER-COMPANY BOXING CUP, 1926.

Standing.—Fus. E. Hunter, Fus. W. Edgar, A/Dmr. H. Antcliffe, Fus. E. Strong, Cpl. H. Palmer, Fus. J. McMullen (winner, Fly-Weights), Fus. T. Brett, C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M.

Seated.—Fus. D. Malone, Lce.-Cpl. H. Leatherland, Fus. T. Phillips (winner, Feather-Weights), Capt. E. H. Baxter, Lieut. R. S. Surtees, Fus. T. Wright (winner, Light-Weights), Lce.-Cpl. T. Johnson, Fus. E. Coxon.

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SPORT.

The Regimental Sports were held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March. The preliminary heats were got through on the first

"D" Coy., 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers.

WINNERS INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL SHIELD, 1925–26.

Top.—Lce.-Cpl. W. Matthews.
Middle.—Fus. G. Stephenson, Cpl. G. Cross, Sgt. J. Ashton, Cpl. H. Palmer (*capt.*), Fus. J. Smith, C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M.
Seated.—Fus. T. Phillips, Fus. M. Walsh, Fus. A. Brooks, Capt. E. H. Baxter, Capt. H. Attwater, Fus. J. Phillips, Fus. J. Williamson, Cpl. W. Young.

two days, and the finals left to the last day. The ground accommodation was very nicely arranged for the meeting, with Officers' enclosure and enclosures for the Sergeants and Corporals. There was a large attendance on the last day, when the Officers were "at home," and the Sergeants and Corporals entertained their guests in like manner.

The track events were very keenly contested, and some fine running was witnessed. Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy., accomplished a brilliant performance in winning the 220 yds. in 22 3/5th secs. He also took the 100 yds. for the third year in succession. A hard run 440 yds. left Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., and Fus. Allen, H.Q. Wing, dead heated.

The Cup for the champion athlete was awarded to Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., whose accomplishments justified him as a good all-round man, able to take part in any track event—a worthy son of the Regiment. (Fus. Watson's father served in the Northd. Fusiliers during the Great War, having previously served in the Northd. Imperial Yeomanry during the South African War.) He dead-heated for 1st in the 440 yds., he was also placed 2nd in the 100 yds., 2nd in the 220 yds., 2nd in the High Jump with 5 ft., and 3rd in the Hurdles. He was placed 4th in Putting-the-Shot and the Long Jump.

Fus. Venables, "A" Coy., winner of the Bn. Cross Country Run, won the Mile and Half-mile in good style, and was half a point behind Watson at the close of the meeting.

"A" Coy. again won both relays, and with Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, Fusrs. Burns and Venables doing great things, they retained the Sports Cup for the third year in succession.

"C" Coy. won the Tug-of-War, after an extra pull with "D" Coy., in the Semi-final, and a further extra pull with "B" Coy. in the final.

Considering that most of "C" Coy.'s team had been training as a Battalion side for the Brigade Tournament, both "D" and "B" Companies are to be complimented on the fact that they were not ousted in two straight pulls.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Kershaw, for whom three very hearty cheers were given. The meeting was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

RESULTS.

100 *Yds. Race.*
1st, Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy. (10 2/5 secs.); 2nd, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., 3rd, Sgt. Green, "A" Coy.

220 *Yds. Race.*
1st, Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy. (22 3/5 secs.); 2nd, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. McSweeney, "C" Coy.

440 *Yds. Race.*
Dead-heat, Bdmn. Allan, H.Q. Wing, and Fus. Watson, "D" Coy. (55 3/5 secs.); 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy.

Mile.
1st, Fus. Venables, "A" Coy. (5 mins. 4 secs.); 2nd, Bdmn. Winn, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Fus. Hedley, "C" Coy.

880 *Yds. Race.*
1st, Fus. Venables, "A" Coy. (2 mins. 10 secs.); 2nd, Bdmn. Winn, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Fus. Wilson, H.Q.

880 *Yds. Race (Open).*
1st, Gnr. Boswell, R.A.; 2nd, Fus. Eddowes, "B" Coy.

Hurdle Race.
1st, Lce.-Cpl. Bland, "A" Coy. (17 4/5 secs.); 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Allan, "C" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy.

Long Jump.
1st, Fus. Kelly, "C" Coy. (19 ft. 10½ ins.); 2nd, Fus. Burn, "A" Coy.; 3rd, Fus. Hayton, "A" Coy.

High Jump.
1st, Fus. Burn, "A" Coy. (5 ft. 1 in.); 2nd, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy. (5 ft.); 3rd, Fus. Kelly, "C" Coy. (4 ft. 10 in.).

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Putting-the-Shot.
1st, Fus. Allan, "C" Coy. (32 ft. 11 in.); 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, "B" Coy. (32 ft. 1½ in.); 3rd, Fus. Cooper, "A" Coy. (30 ft. ½ in.).

Throwing the Cricket Ball.
1st, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, "B" Coy. (99 yds. 1 ft.); 2nd, Fus. D. W. Smith, "A" Coy. (89 yds.); 3rd, Fus. Burns, "A" Coy. (86 yds. 0 ft. 11 in.).

Boys' Race.
1st, Boy Lee, H.Q. Wing; 2nd, Boy Flatman, H.Q. Wing; 3rd, Boy Devonport, H.Q. Wing.

Relay Race, "A" Team.
1st, "A" Coy.; 2nd, "C" Coy.

Relay Race, "B" Team.
1st, "A" Coy.; 2nd, "C" Coy.

Tug-of-War.
1st, "C" Coy.; 2nd, "B" Coy.

INDIAN EVENTS.

Long Jump.
1st, Sepoy Udayraj Singh; 2nd, Hav. Amrit Singh; 3rd, Sepoy Jagat Pal Singh.

100 *Yds. Race.*
1st, L/Naik. Udayraj Singh; 2nd, Hav. Bhagwan Singh; 3rd, Sepoy Jagat Pal Singh.

440 *Yds. Race.*
1st, Sepoy Jai Ram Singh; 2nd, Sepoy Amrit Singh; 3rd, Sandal Singh.

880 *Yds. Open.*
1st, L/Naik Faiz Mahomed; 2nd, Sepoy Kootbee; 3rd, Mohammed Hayat.

Best Athlete at Meeting—Fus. Watson, "D" Coy.

Champion Company at Meeting—"A" Coy.

19TH INDIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SPORTS.

The Brigade Sports were held in Lucknow on the 23rd and 24th February.

Owing to some misunderstanding of the advantages to be gained by entering two teams for each event, we only entered one team, except in the High Jump and Long Jump. Had we entered two teams for each event, we would have given the Lincolnshire Regt. a very good run for their money, without a doubt.

Teams consisted of four in all events except in the High Jump and Putting-the-Shot, in which teams consisted of two, and the Tug-of-War, in which teams consisted of ten with an aggregate weight of 110 stone. The results of the meeting are given below:—

100 *Yards.*
1st, 5th Fusiliers; 2nd, 2nd Lincolns, "A"; 3rd, Lucknow Aux. Force; 4th, 1st D.C.L.I. "A." Time for team, 43 1/5 secs.

220 *Yards.*
1st, 2nd Lincolns; 2nd, Lucknow Aux. Force; 3rd, 1st D.C.L.I. "A"; 4th, 5th Fusiliers; 5th, 1st D.C.L.I. "B." Time for team, 37 2/5 secs.

440 *Yards.*
1st, 5th Fusiliers; 2nd, 1st D.C.L.I. "A"; 3rd, Lucknow Aux. Force; 4th, 1st D.C.L.I. "B."

880 *Yards.*
1st, 2nd Lincolns "A"; 2nd, 2nd Lincolns "B"; 3rd, 1st D.C.L.I.; 4th, 5th Fusiliers. Time for team, 47 2/5 secs.

One Mile.
1st, 2nd Lincolns; 2nd, 1st D.C.L.I.; 3rd, 5th Fusiliers; 4th, Lucknow Aux. Force. Time for 1st man, 4 mins. 51 2/5 secs.

120 *Yds. Hurdles.*
1st, 2nd Lincolns "A"; 2nd, Lucknow Aux. Force; 3rd, 1st D.C.L.I. "A"; 4th, 2nd Lincolns "B"; 5th, 1st D.C.L.I. "B." Time for team, 1 min. 15 1/5 secs.

High Jump.
1st, 2nd Lincolns "A"; 2nd, 5th Fusiliers "B"; 3rd, 5th Fusiliers "A"; 4th, 2nd Lincolns "B"; 5th, 1st D.C.L.I. "A."

Long Jump.
1st, 1st D.C.L.I. "A"; 2nd, 2nd Lincolns "A"; 3rd, 5th Fusiliers; 4th, 2nd Lincolns "B."

Putting the Weight.
1st, 5th Fusiliers; 2nd, 1st D.C.L.I. "A"; 3rd, 1st D.C.L.I. "B"; 4th, 2nd Lincolns "A"; 5th, 2nd Lincolns "B."

Tug-of-War.
1st, 1st D.C.L.I.; Runners-up, 2nd Lincolns.

FOOTBALL.

MURRAY CUP FINAL.

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* 2ND BN. THE CHESHIRE REGT.

The above game was played on the ground of the Lincolnshire Regt. at Lucknow, on 19th March, 1926. A party consisting of nearly 400 ranks, under the command of Capt. H. F. Attwater, left Fyzabad by special train on the morning of the game, and were met at Lucknow Station by the Band of the D.C.L.I. and marched to Outram Barracks, the Band playing the "very appropriate" march, "Old Comrades." We owe much thanks to the D.C.L.I. for the hospitality shown, and trust the occasion will arise when we shall be in a position to

NO. 15 PLATOON, "D" COY., 2ND BN. FIFTH FUSILIERS.
WINNERS, BN. INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL COMPETITION, 1925–26.
Standing.—Fus. G. Stephenson, Fus. R. Robinson, Fus. H. Cross, Lce.-Cpl. R. Smith, Fus. H. Gallagher.
Seated.—Fus. J. Wild, Fus. W. Edgar, Fus. A. Brooks (*capt.*), Capt. H. Attwater, Fus. D. Morfitt, Fus. J. Phillips, Fus. T. Greenwell.

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show our appreciation by welcoming them to Fyzabad, or the Frontier, and feed them on roast beef, etc.

The game was timed to commence at 4.15 p.m., and at this

"D" Coy., 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers.

WINNERS INTER-COMPANY (MAJOR KILGOUR) CRICKET CUP, 1926.

Standing.—Sgt. W. Earl, Fus. M. Lyons, Fus. W. Edgar, Cpl. H. Palmer, Fus. J. Smith.
Seated.—Fus. E. Williams, Fus. D. Morfitt, C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M. (*capt.*), Capt. E. H. Baxter, Capt. H. Attwater, W.O. J. Murdoch, A.E.C., Fus. W. Brassett, Fus. A. Mitchell.

hour some 3,000 spectators had assembled. Among those present were Col-Comdt. A. E. McNamara, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. S. H. Kershaw, and the Commanding Officers of various units stationed at Lucknow.

On winning the toss, the Fifth elected to kick with the sun behind them. The game opened at a fast pace, and for the first 10 minutes was in the Cheshire half. The stubborn opposition put up by the opposing backs was certainly the means of frustrating several good attempts by the Fifth forward line. From a kick-out the Cheshire right wing obtained possession, and speeding up the line put in a splendid centre which dropped just in front of the Fifth goal. In the "scrimmage" the ball found its way into the net . . . there was some doubt as to whether it got there by a kick or punch, but the Referee seemed to have no doubt and a goal was registered against the Fifth fifteen minutes after the kick-off. Following this, the Cheshires again pressed, and Palmer and Jennings were kept very busy clearing. . . . The play returned to mid-field, and both forward lines seemed to have slackened considerably. In passing to Clayton, Brooks was not quite so accurate as usual, and the ball was intercepted by the Cheshire right wing, who again sped up the line, and placed a well-judged centre to the waiting forwards. In running out to clear, McGiven was very unfortunate in colliding with a Cheshire forward, and sustained injuries which necessitated his leaving the field. The ball was again in the net, and the Referee, after consulting the linesmen, awarded a goal. Palmer took the place of McGiven in goal, and proved that he is quite capable of playing in that position. With 10 minutes to go for the interval, McGiven was able to resume his place, although badly crocked. The Cheshires indulged in long passing, and from a stinging shot, which McGiven just managed to tip clear, forced a corner kick . . . the ball was well placed, and a shot was driven in which gave McGiven no chance. . . . A few minutes after resuming, the half-time whistle sounded with the score—

Fifth Fusiliers, 0 ; 2nd Bn. Cheshire Regt., 3.

In the second half the Fifth were undoubtedly exceedingly unlucky, many brilliant attempts on the part of the forward line ended in the goal being missed by inches, or the Cheshire goalkeeper saving shots which were loudly applauded by the spectators and seemed impossible to save. The Fifth continued to press, and from a centre by Burns, Gillon drove in a shot which just skipped the cross-bar. It seemed that Fate was against the Fifth, and the writer heard the following remark from a civilian spectator, which was the general feeling throughout the assembled spectators : "They are not to score."

From a kick-out, play was brought into the Fifth half, and McGiven was loudly applauded for the many brilliant saves he made. Play was very even until, with 10 minutes to go, the Cheshires pressed hard and a shot was sent in which gave McGiven little chance.

During this time things were looking very black, both for the Fifth and "in the Heavens above," and a few spots of rain produced a wonderful display of umbrellas by the feminine spectators. A very strong wind arose which affected the last few minutes of the game, and the final whistle sounded with the score—

Fifth Fusiliers, 0 ; Cheshire Regt., 4.

The score was certainly no discredit to our team, and we hope to be more successful in the next competition for the Cup.

In presenting the Murray Cup (a magnificent trophy), Col-Comdt. McNamara said : "Before presenting the Cup to the Cheshire Regiment, I want to congratulate both teams on the splendid game we have witnessed. I am sorry that the Cup is going out of the Brigade, but I want you to tell Col. O'Dare (the Commanding Officer of the Cheshire Regt.), when you go back, that I am pleased that it is going to such old friends as the Cheshire Regt." (Cheers.) He then presented the Cup and Medals to the winning team. After this presentation the General said : "I am glad there is a Cup here for the Fifth Fusiliers—the Brigade Cup—and I have much pleasure in presenting it to them."

Col. Kershaw received the trophy amid applause.

Three cheers were called for, and were heartily responded to. And we did return to Fyzabad with a Cup, although it was not the one we anticipated bringing back. . . . I wonder if "the instrument of torture" would have proved to have given us better luck had it not been espied by the wary eye of the Sergeant-Major ?

R. J. B.

MAJOR F. R. I. ATHILL, C.M.G.

It is with very deep regret that we record the departure of Major F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., on leave to United Kingdom pending retirement.

Joining the Regiment in May, 1901, "Remi," as he was known throughout the Regiment, speedily endeared himself to all who knew him by his unfailing good humour and courtesy, his apt and ready wit and his devotion to the interests of those under his command.

He had the happy knack of showing that he was deeply and personally interested in everyone with whom he came in contact, and consequently gained the trust and confidence, coupled with the respect, of all.

A firm disciplinarian, he could administer the most severe admonition or reprimand in a way which, while effecting its purpose, never left an unpleasant feeling behind.

As Adjutant of the 6th Battalion of the Regiment at the outbreak of war, he was deservedly popular with all ranks,

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After being wounded, he served with distinction on various staffs, and joined the 2nd Bn. as a Major in October, 1924, from Egypt.

Never really strong or fit in India, he worked incessantly for the welfare of his Company and the Battalion, without sparing himself, and all ranks have reason to remember with affection acts of kindness done quietly by Major Athill on their behalf.

He exemplified the spirit of self-sarcifice, cordial co-operation and good fellowship, all working for the good of the Regiment, which is known as " the Spirit of the FIFTH."

That his retirement will not sever his close connection with the Regiment is obvious to all who know Major Athill, and we shall look forward to seeing him with Col. Sandilands on the quay on the now not too distant date when the 2nd Battalion returns to the United Kingdom from foreign service.

We know how deeply he reciprocates the display of affection shown by all ranks on his departure, and can assure him that he is followed by the good wishes of all for health, happiness and prosperity throughout the future.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We are pleased to welcome R.S.M. Brockelsby on his return from leave to U.K., looking quite well and having taken unto himself a wife.

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C.S.M. Moon is also due to arrive from U.K. in a few days, but with what success in the matrimonial line we are not sure.

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O.R.Q.M.S. Willson has left for summer leave to U.K., and Sgt. and Mrs. Green depart on the 30th March for the Depôt. As a regimental footballer and sprinter, Sgt. Green will be much missed, and the Mess team suffers in no small degree ; he should be a big acquisition to the Depôt side.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. and Mrs. Scott on the arrival of a son. We were " At Home " on the final day of the Regimental Sports Meeting, and were delighted to be able to entertain our guests. We are much indebted to the President of the Entertainment Committee—" Tiffy "—for his excellent arrangements and homely effort. The Mess hockey side were beaten in the semi-final of the Hadi Cup by the Station side. Although defeated by 2—0, the teams were evenly matched, but Dame Fortune was not on our side.

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Most of the time has been absorbed in Regimental Competitions, and there has been little Mess Sport in consequence.

THE FYZABAD TRIPE HOUNDS.

The Fyzabad Tripe Hounds met at 6 a.m. on Thursday, 4th March, at the Butts of the Cumberland Creek range.

Owing to heavy dew, scent lies well at this early hour, but as the Fyzabad Tripe Hounds hunt entirely by sight, this doesn't really matter.

The Master, Capt. Baxter, was first on the ground, with the nucleus of the pack. This consists of Bill, a long-tailed springer spaniel ; Kala, a black cocker ; Blackie, a six months' old greyhound ; and Ginger, a real tripe hound.

By 6.15 four more people had arrived and eight more dogs—to wit, two Airedales, an Irish terrier, an Arab greyhound, another greyhound pup, and a large bazaar dog, half greyhound and half " various," a fox terrier and another cocker. The field moved off to draw a long strip of scrub at about 6.20. This strip is

FIRST AT THE MEET.

bordered on one side by the creek, and on the other by a stretch of open country.

Shortly after the start we were joined by Capt. Brett, of the Jats., and Mr. Martin, and the field of seven spread out across the cover and advanced in line, while the pack hunted among the bushes, played " touch-last " with each other, or trotted behind their master's ponies, according to inclination.

We had barely gone a few hundred yards before there was a hue and cry behind, and the field turned and galloped in hot pursuit of the pack, which, led by Capt. Brett, was fast disappearing in the direction of home. None of us had seen the " jack," but Brett presumably had, or he wouldn't have been leading the pack off at such speed.

After a mile of good hard galloping we caught up with him and the pack, which seemed to be at fault. Brett waved his hand vaguely in the direction of some crops, and said that the " jack " had disappeared in that direction. It was not until we were on our way home that we learned that his pony had bolted and that the pack had been hunting him and no " jack."

After this diversion we resumed out beat, and soon after a left wheel someone spotted a " jack " some four hundred yards ahead, making a break for cover.

A yell, and the field started in pursuit at a mad gallop. Unfortunately, none of the long-dogs got a view, and after a three-quarter mile gallop the " jack " made cover.

The Master then took us to beat out several sugar cane brakes which stood in the open country. None of these held a " jack," until on the way home we tried a large patch. A " jack " broke cover and was hotly pursued by Jenney, who rode at his brush for a good mile and a half, with Brett and the rest of the field close behind. There was bad going in parts along the bank of the creek, but none made a mistake, and the ponies never checked even for melon beds. The pack was again dilatory in getting on the " jack," and he stepped down the bank of the creek and doubled back the hundred yards and went to earth in the bank. All seemed lost, but our Master is a man of resource, and Ginger, the true tripe hound, followed the " jack " to earth, showing us by her yapping that the earth was not very deep. Some cultivators on the far side showed interest, and one of them waded neck deep across the creek to assist a man, already enlisted by the Master, to dig down to Ginger and the " jack." These two men worked well and hard, and in a short time were almost within handling distance of Ginger, who came up once for air, but evaded all efforts at capture for some time.

At last Baxter captured her, and handed her over to someone to hold. Soon afterwards the " jack " made a bolt of it

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between Baxter's legs, and up the bank and across the open. There followed a scramble for ponies, and away went the field with the hounds to the "jack" this time. Sloppy was up with him within a quarter of a mile, and was on the point of seizing him when he again went to ground. More excavations, with Ginger and the Airedale pup both down the earth, until he bolted again.

Then followed a straight run for several hundred yards, until he doubled on his tracks and made for the creek; and then a chase along the bottom of the creek's bank, with Sloppy worrying him behind. At last he turned at bay, half in the water. The pack funked, and he took to the water and swam across, with four of the pack in his wake. He swam to the far side, landed, ran a short way through the trees, and was again chivvied into the creek by Sloppy.

There followed a very good imitation of an otter hunt. The "jack" swam for several hundred yards up to the middle of the creek with the big long-dog mongrel, the two airedales and the springer after him. Sloppy on the far side of the bank prevented him from landing there and the field on the near bank followed up and frightened him off landing on that side. Our cultivator friend arrived on the scene and swam across to the far side, and Miles Clifford, determined to be in at the death, took off all his clothes except a shirt and dived in also.

"THE OTTER HUNT."—MILES CLIFFORD DIVES IN.

The "jack," now obviously exhausted, swam in under a bush on the far bank and was then finished off by the big mongrel and the cultivator between them. The Master broke him up and presented the mask to Miles Clifford, keeping the brush himself.

The other remains were offered to the pack, but were declined without thanks.

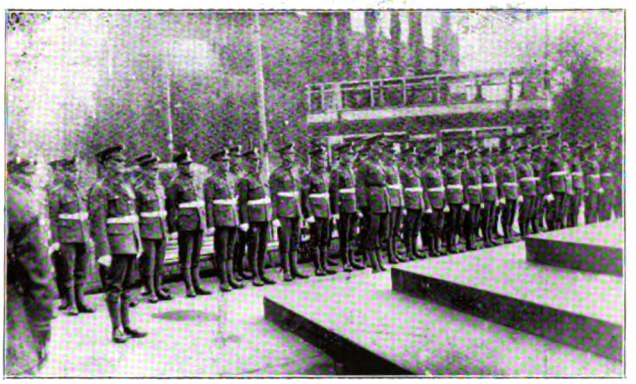
The field then hacked home to enjoy a large breakfast as the guests of the Master and his wife, after a good four hours in the saddle.

The names of those out on this memorable hunt were :—Capt. Baxter (Master), Capt. Brett, Mr. Surtees, Mr. Martin, Mr. Grimley, Mr. Jenney, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Clifford.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th April, 1926.

Here, at the Depôt, although we cannot take part in the Trooping of the Colours, without which no St. George's Day



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AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN MEMORIAL.

seems really complete, we have several compensations. We are in England, and in our own county, in April. We see hundreds of Old Fusiliers, while even the Home battalion can only hope to see a few. Those we meet who are not Fusiliers, such as the Lord Mayor or his representatives, are Northumbrians, and therefore something closer than just the neighbours; and, lastly, where the battalions take one day over their celebrations we take two!

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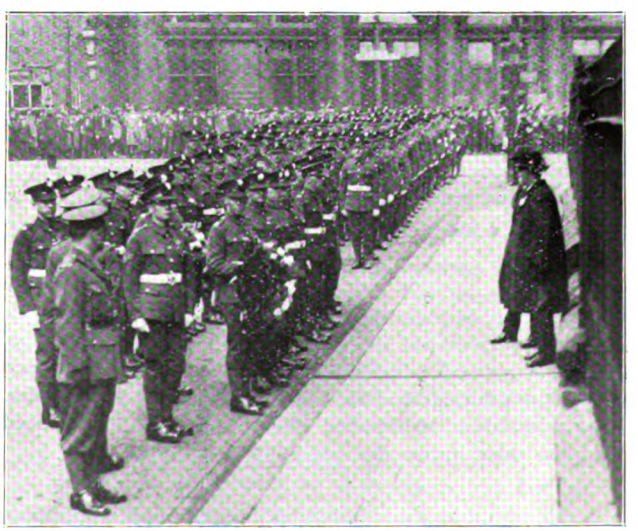
For the third year in succession now, St. George's Day has been kept from the first minute to the last, with several hours



of its yesterday and to-morrow thrown in to complete it. The Aid Society Ball ushers it in, and St. George's Ball dances it

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out. We do not yet know how far the Aid Society Ball was a financial success, but we do know that it was a great suc-

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THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR AND COLONEL H. R. SANDILANDS AT THE ELDON SQUARE MEMORIAL.

cess from every other point of view. Capt. Arkwright and the Committee, and the many good friends of the Regiment who did so much to help, are to be thanked for the hard work they did, and congratulated on the result. The 5th and 6th Battalions kindly allowed their Colours to be placed in the ball-room on either side of the Colours of the 3rd Militia Battalion, for the safe keeping of which we are responsible.

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Although we are weaker in numbers than we have been for years, having only two squads in training, we are told that we carried out our parade and march through the city every bit as well as last year.

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The Depôt paraded at 10 o'clock, under the command for the first time of our new Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., and was inspected by Colonel H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O. After the inspection the Depôt marched past in column and close column, and then formed up in close column facing the saluting base for Col. Sandilands to present Army Rifle Association Medals and Shooting Spoons to those who had won them during the last quarter.

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Immediately after this parade the Depôt again paraded, but without arms, and marched to St. Nicholas' Cathedral, by Gallowgate, Percy Street, Northumberland Street and Grey Street. On the South African Memorial, at Barras Bridge, Col. Sandilands laid a wreath of red and white roses, and the Drummers sounded the Last Post and Revéille,

From the moment we left the Barrack Gate till we arrived at the Cathedral we were escorted by an ever-growing stream of Old Fusiliers, till by the time we had reached St. Nicholas there must have been many hundreds marching on either side in step with the Band, many with roses or a regimental badge in their coats, or wearing regimental ties, or showing that they had once been active Fusiliers by saluting the Commanding Officer as he passed them.

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The service in the Cathedral was, as usual, short, impressive and very much to the point, and Canon Newson again sent us away with an ideal firmly planted in our minds to flourish until next year. The service opened with "St. George of old the Dragon slew," after which Col. Sandilands placed a wreath under the window dedicated to the Fifth Fusiliers who fell in the Great War. After the hymn "O God our help in ages past," Canon Newson delivered a short sermon, in which he reminded us that every man must have something greater than himself, something held sacred, for which to live, work, and, if necessary, die. He also reminded us of what he had told us last year about the principle of loyalty and mutual trust which men call honour, and showed us how in a regiment one must hold the name of the regiment sacred, and how everyone in the regiment must be loyal and have absolute trust in one another. The service ended with prayers and the National Anthem.

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Our way back lay through the Bigg Market, Grainger Street and Eldon Square, where we halted underneath the City Memorial, a statue of St. George slaying the Dragon. Here the Deputy Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor being away, laid a large wreath on the base of the Memorial on behalf of the City, followed by Col. Sandilands, who placed a wreath beside it on behalf of the Regiment.

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On returning to barracks the Commanding Officer thanked the Band of the 6th Bn. for playing so well during the parade and march through the city, and said that it was such acts of

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A CORNER OF THE DINING HALL, ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

co-operation which bound the Regular and Territorial parts of the Regiment closer together.

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Photographs were taken of the Depôt and of past and present

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Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers, whose dates of enlistment ranged from Jack Sheppard's in 1864 to more recent dates.

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The Dining Hall had again been beautifully decorated by Capt. Wombwell and his staff, and Sgt. Marr had excelled himself in the dinners he produced. The Deputy Lord Mayor and the Sheriff visited dinners and said a few cheerful words, which were much appreciated, before he left.

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The Officers invited the Deputy Lord Mayor and the Sheriff of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and the following guests to lunch :— Lt.-Col. C. G. S. Harvey, D.S.O., R.A. ; Major F. C. L. Grieve, R.A. ; Major R. B. Turner, D.S.O., and the Officers, Depôt, The Durham Light Infantry ; Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., and Mrs. Anderson ; Mrs. Arkwright, Mrs. Barstow, Mrs. Bennett, Fifth Fusiliers. He proved their knowledge of the Regiment's history. He assured us that in the Town Hall, they followed the doings of the Regiment with the greatest interest, not only because it had such a long and distinguished history, and was the county's own regiment, but also because it relied on the Regiment to give back to the city men whom it had formed into really good citizens. He welcomed Col. Platt on assuming command of the Depôt, and expressed his regret that Major Booth, who had only handed over command two days before, could not have been present as well. He assured us that if there was any way in which the city could help the Regiment, the city would do it.

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Col. Sandilands, in reply, thanked the Deputy Lord Mayor for the way in which he had proposed the health of the Regiment, and also for the manner in which he had addressed the men in the Dining Hall.

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THE GUESTS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

Col. J. Bett, Capt. M. Blackett-Ord and Mrs. Blackett-Ord, Mr. G. Burch, R.A.S.C., Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C., The Rev. Croisdale, Lt.-Col. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., and Mrs. Cruddas, Mr. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., Capt. G. J. W. Gatehouse and Mrs. Gatehouse, Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. R. C. P. James, R.E., The Rev. and Mrs. Langton, Capt. J. T. Leese, Col. Roddam, Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., and Mrs. Rogers, Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mr. B. Tarleton, Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., and Mrs. Trenam, Major U. G. Williams, O.B.E., and Mrs. Williams.

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The Deputy Lord Mayor, in an excellent and amusing speech, proposed the toast of "The Regiment." He emphasised the deep interest which the city, as represented by the Lord Mayor and his officers, took in the past, present and future of the

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St. George's Ball brought the day to a close in the traditional way. No stranger could have told that the Ball Room on any other day of the year was a somewhat grim gymnasium, so completely were the walls and ceiling covered with bunting.

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The old Fusiliers go to St. George's Ball to talk of the past, the middle Fusiliers to talk to each other, and the young Fusiliers to listen to the old Fusiliers. There is also dancing. On this particular day all these things happened in exactly the same way as they have happened from the beginning, and everyone thought, as everyone has always thought before, that there had never been a St. George's Day like that which had just ended.

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Greetings were received from the following :—1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, The Old Comrades' Association, London, General Sitwell, Col. and Mrs. Gordon, Major and Mrs. Stephen, Col. Dashwood, Capt. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Alfred Brewis, Col. Sturges, Major and Mrs. St. John, Col. Ainslie, Major Salier, Major Leverson, Col. Landen, Col. Stewart, Col. C. Wood and Air-Commodore Bonham-Carter.

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We were very sorry, only two days before St. George's Day, to have to say good-bye to Major R. M. St. J. Booth and Mrs. Booth. The good wishes of all ranks at the Depôt go with them to their new home with the 1st Bn. We welcome Lt.-Col. W. Platt and Mrs. Platt, who have come to take their places here.

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We heartily congratulate Col. H. R. Sandilands on his promotion.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,

24th April, 1926.

St. George's Day (and Night) has again come and gone, and with it the usual functions and festivities which serve to bring together past and present Fusiliers from all over the world.

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The Officers' Annual Dinner took place at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on St. George's Day, and, in addition to nearly all serving Officers, we were very pleased to see Lt.-Col. R. Robb, Major W. Stephenson, Messrs. Plummer, Stephenson, Carrick and several more old friends.

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A letter was read during the evening from our Hon. Colonel, Col. Foster, regretting that absence abroad prevented him from being present at the Dinner.

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Col. Foster has, however, promised to visit us at Catterick during Annual Training.

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A cheery telegraphic greeting was also received from Capt. Peacock and Mr. A. S. Todd. These Officers, in spite of being domiciled in the South, managed to celebrate "The Day" appropriately, if anything is to be gathered from the address whence came their telegram.

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Telegrams were received on St. George's Day from 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, The Regimental Depôt, Col. Foster and Major and Mrs. St. John.

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On Sunday, 25th April, the Companies are holding Church Parades at their various Drill Halls, and wreaths will be laid on the local War Memorials.

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Week-end Camps at Allendale are the chief events to look forward to during the merry month of May, and it is hoped to get some useful Field Firing and Company Training carried out if only the clerk of the weather hasn't got too much of a liver !

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All Drill Halls are now busy putting their men through individual training, which has been organised this year into a system of Training Cadres.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

April, 1926.

Our training has now commenced in earnest, and each company is parading two nights a week with goodly turn-outs. We have started a new method of training, and so far it has turned out a huge success.

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It is a cadre system, and of course entails the permanent attendance of selected N.C.O.'s as instructors, but we are very fortunate in this respect, and the success of these classes entirely depends on their keenness and hard work.

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On Tuesday, 13th, we were visited and inspected by Col. Morant, and he seemed quite pleased with all he saw. Everything moved in its appointed sphere, so to speak, and the only fly in the ointment was the inopportune discovery that a Fusilier who was unable to shut his left eye was steadfastly wasting ammunition on the miniature range. Luckily our Adjutant was near, and he bravely stepped in and filled the breach by giving a little private musketry instruction which very fruitfully enabled the said Fusilier to score a bullseye and some inners.

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As a result of many promotion examinations held, a great many N.C.O.'s have been promoted, particularly in the case of "X" Company. So far "W" Company have only produced one N.C.O. for examination, the result of which is not yet known.

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On the 1st and 2nd May the detachment will send 2 Officers and 30 other ranks per Company to Allendale for a Company Training and Field Firing week-end camp. We only hope that we may have better weather this time, as last year we were entirely confined to our tents and we wasted two valuable days.

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Capts. Bradley, Wood and Charlewood went to Catterick on the 17th and 18th, on a week-end course, and incidentally to view the training areas and the lines allotted to us for annual training in June. Apparently everything is all that could be desired except that the Officers must sleep in tents, and that the close proximity of some married quarters may cause a certain amount of unnatural restraint.

SEGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

A Dinner and Concert was held at the Drill Hall, Newburn, on St. George's Day, at which many old members were present.

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Our thanks are due to C.S.M. Stuart and his Committee for the excellent arrangements made.

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The Concert was a great success, the chair being taken by R.S.M. Clarke, who carried out the duties with great success.

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The following was the programme :—

Song	"Mother McCree"	Sgt. J. Weatherill
Song ..	"If I had the Wing of a Swallow"	Sgt. J. Bell
Song	"Blaydon Races"	Band-Sgt. Cameron
Song ..	"Four little Fingers and a Thumb"	Mr. Elliott
Recitation	"The Green Eye of the little Yellow God"	Sgt. Cowans

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Recitation " The Parson and the Old Soldier "
C.S.M. McTeer
Song .. .. .. " Thora " .. Sgt. Armstrong
Song .. .. " Down Our Way " R.S.M. Clarke
Recitation " How I became Transport Sergeant " Sgt. Veitch
Song .. .. .. " Old Pal " .. .. Sgt. Wallace

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After a very pleasant evening our guests departed at 11 p.m.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER,
April, 1926.

By the time these notes are written, St. George's Day will once more be upon us, and once more we shall temporarily give ourselves completely to indulgence in the manifold pleasures this Day always produces. We even view quite calmly the following day, but then, some of us are become hardened veterans, and either our bodies are become immune or our senses dulled—possibly both.

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The Aid Ball takes place on Thursday night, the 22nd April, and doesn't usually finish until about 4 a.m. on St. George's Day. The Colonel and Adjutant lunch at the Depôt on *the* Day, and we have our Mess Dinner in the evening, followed by the Sergeants' Ball—a 30-hours' programme of joy, with little interval for sleep. On Sunday, the 25th April, we have our Annual Church Parade at Walker. After all this we jump straight back into harness, remaining in this same state until after camp in June.

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We are now 600 strong, and hope to reach full strength in a week or two.

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All Company Commanders, with the Colonel and Adjutant, visited Catterick on the 17th and 18th April, to see the camp, training areas, etc. On the Saturday we were regaled by a lecture, and a demonstration by the Training Cadre of the Green Howards' Depôt. On Sunday we visited the training areas and looked at the huts we are going to occupy. The latter aren't the best quarters Catterick can produce, and will require a considerable amount of cleaning before they will become fit for occupation. There can be little room for complaints as to lack of air, as many windows are pane-less, and many roofs have outlets to the heavens. Still, " ours not to reason why," and we feel sure that although we may " do," we shall not " die."

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Our first week-end small arms camp takes place at Ponteland on the 1st and 2nd May—we trust there will be no coal strike to interfere with it.

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We all congratulate Capt. Carlile on his marriage and wish him the best of luck. We have only one grouse, and that is that he didn't give us any warning of his intentions in this direction. He was married at Knaresboro' on Saturday, the 17th April, and we knew not the fact until after mid-day on this day. Some of us managed to see the happy couple at Harrogate that evening; others, less fortunate, attended a conference.

The King's Head Hotel at Catterick always reminds the writer of an amusing incident which took place at a similar conference last year. On a certain Saturday night, one of the Divisional Staff gave out to many of the Officers rather late at night, that the conference on the Sunday morning could be attended in plain clothes. At breakfast on this Sunday morning those who had gone early to bed—or elsewhere—and had failed to hear the glad tidings *re* plain clothes, arrived in uniform, among them being our Brigade Commander. Suddenly a certain Adjutant appeared in plain clothes, and was greeted by the Brigade Commander with : " Aren't you attending the conference this morning ? " A flurried mumbling was the answer, followed by a hasty breakfast and a hastier exit. A quarter of an hour later the same distinguished Officers met on the stairs, but lo ! and behold, the Brigade Commander was in plain clothes and the Adjutant was in uniform !

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In closing, we wish all past and present members of the Regiment in general, and all past and present members of the Battalion in particular, a very happy St. George's Day.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
St. George's Day, 1926.

Once again we are celebrating the festival of our Patron Saint, and a very strenuous time it is, and the season is hardly one for giving an accurate and coherent account of our doings.

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This year most of us attended the Ball at the Grand Assembly Rooms, in support of the Funds of the Fusiliers' Aid Society, on Thursday, the 22nd, which was voted a great success.

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On Friday, the 23rd, we had a Mess Dinner, after which most of the Officers and their guests went on to the Sergeants' Ball, held in the Grand Assembly Rooms, where they met their wives (if any) and thoroughly enjoyed the first-class show put up by the Warrant Officers and Sergeants, who certainly know how to run a Ball.

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On Saturday, the 24th, we had a route march and followed the tramlines for a ling distance, and in the evening a Ball was held in the Drill Hall for all ranks, which was well attended and voted a great success.

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On Sunday, the 25th, we had the usual St. George's Day Church Parade at the Cathedral, and the Officers afterwards entertained the Civic authorities at St. George's Drill Hall to lunch.

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In our last notes we referred to the Entertainment which was to be given to the Battalion by Mr. Basil Simpson and his company in a Revue entitled " Mixed Grill." This took place on Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th March, the performance on the Friday being free to all ranks.

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The " Show " was excellent in every way, and the Battalion thanks are due to Mr. Simpson and his company for the strenuous work on its behalf.

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We were sorry that there was not a better beat up of the members of the Battalion and their wives on the Friday night, when it was free to all ranks. Saturday night was a packed house.

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Next winter, it is the intention to have more of these entertainments, which are got up for the benefit of all ranks and their wives and families, but if the trouble in organisation is to be justified there will have to be better support from the members of the Battalion.

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On going to press, we have received a sad blow, and the glowing comments we made in our last notes as to the accommodation we were to have at Catterick Camp have now to be withdrawn. For some unknown reason, the authorities will not let us occupy the permanent hutments which have recently been erected at Catterick, and we have been allocated to the huts which the Brigade had three years ago and are to occupy the lines then used by the 4th Battalion. As one can imagine, these huts, which have never been touched or occupied since the last occupation by the Brigade, are in a hopeless state of repair, and the fact that they are not to be taken on charge by the Battalion speaks for itself.

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We are sure that no Regular battalion would think of occupying these huts for a night, and why a Territorial battalion is asked to do so is a mystery.

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Apparently the powers that be consider that a Territorial regards his fortnight's camp as a holiday picnic, and that any old place is good enough ; while, in fact, it is a fortnight's most strenuous work and most of us have to forego that fortnight out of our regular holidays.

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The above grouse is not due to a St. George's liver, but merely to emphasise the fact that although the Territorial is a long-suffering animal he can, at times, squeal even though squealing is " taboo " in Army circles.

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The roseate hues of brand new huts,
How soon they pass away !
They must think us benighted Muts
Who submit without a " bray."
The huts would soon be burnt to smuts
If Percy had his way !

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The C.O., Adjutant, P.M.C. and the four Company Commanders attended a week-end course at Catterick on the 17th/18th April, when a demonstration was given by a Subaltern of the Green Howards on the question of Section Leading.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

22nd April, 1926.

Since our last notes some of us have been to Catterick to view our training area for this year's camp.

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Arrangements have been slightly (?) altered since our last notes appeared, and we now find we are to be housed in " D " lines instead of " M."

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Accommodation consists of old huts in very moderate condition, but there is plenty of room.

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The Mess is two bare huts instead of the palatial building previously allotted to us, and the Officers' quarters are to consist of tents.

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The Sergeants also have two bare huts for their Mess.

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Companies will have five huts each, and ample room is available for Headquarter Details—Band, Transport, etc.

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There is an Orderly Room—so the Adjutant's " Factory " will still be able to maintain its full output.

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We find the training area all that could be desired, and one area is being allotted to each Battalion for the full period of training, which is a decided advantage over previous years—and our area is to be sub-divided to Companies, each having a fortnight's lease of one section.

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We have commenced firing our annual Musketry Course, and this is proceeding each week-end in a satisfactory manner.

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In the North of the County we are at present much concerned to discover the reason for a certain Company putting the Calendar back a year for the purpose of some of its parades.

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As the dates in question are after " Summer Time " coming into force, we wonder if this matter has got the O.C. Company mixed up a bit, so for the information of all concerned we hasten to point out that it is the clocks that should have been put forward one hour, the Act, in plain language, reading " 02.00 hours April 18th, 1926, will become 03.00 hours "—*not* " Sunday, April 18th, 1926, will become Sunday, April 19th, 1925."

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Much as we might like the latter, it would appear to be highly irregular.

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We are very sorry to have to report that we are losing Capt. E. D. MacKay, O.C. the Berwick Company, who finds that he is unable to make his business arrangements fit in with the Annual Training. We also hear a rumour that he is going into Double Harness.

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Capt. MacKay joined the 7th Bn. during the Defence Force days, and remained in the Bn. thereafter.

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During the war he served with distinction in the Royal Air Force.

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He is having his last parade with his Company on Sunday, 25th April, when the Drums go to Berwick for the Detachment's St. George's Day Church Parade.

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All success to him for the future.

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We have a number of new Officers coming forward—four up to date, viz. : Messrs. Fawcus, Simpson, Gullan and Moscrop.

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The strength of the Battalion to-day is eight over establishment, and we are still recruiting to replace men due for discharge before camp, and have every hope of being at full strength in camp.

MORPETH DETACHMENT NOTES.

There is not much military activity to report this month, owing to our Company Correspondent being very deeply in love—with I.T. and S.A.T., Vol. I.

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The Company join in congratulating Capt. F. B. Cowen, our Company Commander, on his promotion to Major and Second-in-Command ; and also wish Lieut. (now Captain) T. Ledgerwood every success on his promotion and as the new O.C. Company.

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It has been said that our Drill Hall is a Theatre. This is not true since the Transport Section made its home here. We might rather term it a Picture House, showing the one and only picture—" The Covered Wagon." The Signalling Section might also be mentioned as providing the " spot light " for the picture.

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We have done well in recruiting here recently—having attested over thirty men since March 1st.

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We are more than sorry that our Permanent Staff Instructor is suffering from 'Flu and its after effects. His voice is greatly missed. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
April, 1926.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. 10/- each.

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We received telegrams of good wishes on St. George's Day from the 2nd and 7th Battalions, for which kindly thought we now express our gratitude.

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Subscriptions due in May :—

W. M. Birtwhistle
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Letters to the Editor.

EMPIRE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT.

39, BEDFORD SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C. 1.
13th April, 1926.

SIR,

Applications are now being invited from those wishing to join the first Empire Community Settlement in South Africa.

The E.C.S. Committee is a voluntary body, and has no financial interests in the work it has undertaken. Its sole aim is to organise a system of migration, without financial risk, for those who desire to settle overseas but who have no resources other than fixed assured incomes ranging from £250 a year upwards. In this category are the majority of retired officers and officials of H.M. Services and members of the profession, on whom the burden of post-war prices and taxation has fallen heavily. To no other class should the genial life of the Dominions make a stronger appeal, while for their children there would be greater scope than in this over-populated country.

The principal deterrents to migration are (1) lack of capital, (2) lack of knowledge of conditions overseas, and (3) the serious consequences of failure. E.C.S. is designed to make the first unnecessary, to enable the second to be gained by personal experience, and to minimise the risk of the third.

The E.C.S. is not an agricultural scheme, but it should benefit those who are thinking of farming.

The method proposed by the E.C.S. Committee falls into two distinct phases :—

The first phase (not to exceed five years) will be spent in a Residential Country Club on a leasehold basis, during which time newcomers may acclimatise themselves to fresh conditions. The Residential Country Club will accommodate fifty families, and will comprise :

A Club house for meals and indoor recreations.
Bungalows.
Gardens and grounds, with outdoor recreations.
One small irrigated allotment for each family, with the services of a qualified instructor.
All domestic and maintenance services.

Residents to pay a fixed sum per annum, covering rent, food, subscriptions and all other services.

The second phase provides for permanent settlement on a freehold basis. Near the Country Club building sites, ranging from a half to four acres, will be reserved. Each family will be given an option to buy a site and to have a house built thereon. The cost will be stated in the option, which will provide for payment over a period of years. The option may be exercised (*a*) at the end of the five years' period in the Country Club, or (*b*) at an earlier date, providing the vacancy in the Country Club can be filled by the Committee. There is no obligation on settlers to take up the option.

Financially, each Settlement must be self-supporting. The land, buildings and services will be provided for and financed by approved parties in the country concerned. A fair return on the capital expenditure involved must be assured, to be derived from the payments of residents in the Club.

Before asking settlement facilities in the Dominions, the E.C.S. Committee had to assure itself that there was a demand for such Settlement, and if the Home Government would approve and support an attempt to further its own policy,

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viz., the better distribution of the white population of the Empire.

The Government agreed to make a £ for £ grant to the Committee to assist it in carrying out its investigations. By the aid of various Government Departments and through other channels, the Committee's proposals were made known. The result showed that there was an urgent need for such a system of migration.

The Committee then despatched the Vice-Chairman, Lady Bourne, and Rear-Admiral R. N. Lawson to South Africa. The Prime Ministers of the Union Government and of Southern Rhodesia, Provincial Administrators and others of sound judgment warmly approved the Committee's programme. This approval was backed by provisional offers from various Municipalities, with estimates for the provision of the land, buildings and maintenance services, etc., required. The Committee is now satisfied that a Settlement can be established in South Africa which will provide the facilities outlined at a price well within the means of those for whom E.C.S. was designed. Furthermore, it is assured that such immigration will be welcomed by the Government and the community of South Africa.

The Vice-Chairman has returned to South Africa, authorised to select the most suitable site and to negotiate an agreement for the construction and maintenance of the first Community Settlement.

But before entering into any binding contracts, the Committee must be assured that it will be able to maintain the necessary organisation in London. The Government states that it is unable to make any permanent grant for this purpose, on the ground that E.C.S. is designed for a special class—a class which, we venture to think, has been second to none in the services it has rendered to the nation.

The Committee is convinced that although a part of the above sum can be obtained from E.C. settlers, it will be necessary to raise a further £1,500 per annum for three years. If that amount is not forthcoming quickly the scheme must be abandoned.

The Committee feels, however, that an enterprise of such promise will surely not be allowed to fail for the lack of such an insignificant sum. It appeals earnestly to public-minded men and women to help in the achievement of its aim.

Yours truly,

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY CAMPBELL, Admiral.
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"THE FIGHTING FORCES."

MARCH ISSUE.

The March issue of *The Fighting Forces* contains some of the most striking contributions on Service matters that have been in print for a long time, and emphasizes the importance of this great Quarterly to all ranks. The Editorial review of men and vital matters is succinct and to the point, and will be of more than passing interest in every quarter.

Commander Kenworthy gives a splendidly reasoned article on "The Navy and the Taxpayer," and puts his finger on the spot expertly. The Territorial Army is one of the absorbing topics at the moment, and hardly anyone could be found more competent to handle this subject than Colonel John Brown, the able commander of the 162nd East Midland Brigade; Territorial Associations and officers should make a point of reading this. Major Oliver Stewart writes on "The World Race in Air Equipment," and details the great strides that are being made in all quarters. "The Will to Disarm" is dispassionately analysed by Archibald Hurd, who lays bare the value of the attempts that are being made by nations the world over. Captain Persius, late of the Imperial Navy, deals with "The Future of the German Navy" in a manner that will make absorbing reading, coming as it does from one so intimate with the subject. With the economy axe hovering tremulously, the article on "Depôts," by Major Piper, is worth careful study, and his reasoned suggestions will evoke a lot of interest. Cecil Harmsworth has dealt with "Our Great American Friend," Walter Hines Page, in a scholarly contribution, and perhaps there are few who are in such a position as the writer to appreciate the qualities of this good friend of Britain.

These are but a fraction of the contributions of varied interest that pack the 164 clear type pages. *The Fighting Forces* should at the very least be in every wardroom and every mess throughout the Three Services, for its contents are really constructional, and epitomize the brains of our fighting forces.

TALES THAT ARE TOLD.

A WISE PRECAUTION.

He: "My dear, it's no use for you to look at those hats; I haven't more than a dollar in my pocket."

She: "You might have known when we came out that I'd want to buy a few things."

He: "I did."

THE POSSIBILITY.

Peacemaker: "I wouldn't fight, my good men."

First Combatant: "He called me a thief, sir."

Second Combatant: "An' he called me a lazy loafer."

Peacemaker: "Well, I wouldn't fight over a difference of opinion; you both may be right."

THE LIMIT.

"So you've been fighting again!" said teacher. "Haven't you been taught that when you're struck on one cheek you should turn the other?"

"Yes," said the little boy. "But he hit me on the nose, and I've only got one!"

FATAL INDIGESTION.

Elma made an angel cake
For her darling Harry's sake.
"Harry, you a piece must take!"
This she meant.
Harry ate it every crumb,
Then he heard the angels hum,
Calling softly, "Harry, come."
Harry went.

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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquishes his appointment :—

BDE.-MAJOR.—Bt.-Lt.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., North'd. Fus. (dated 12th April).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Major F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., retires on ret. pay, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (dated 7th May).

Capt. E. H. Baxter to be Major (dated 7th May).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lt.-Col. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G. (Major, ret. pay), to be Lieut-Colonel (dated 7th May), with seniority 13th December, 1924 ; Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, D.S.O., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Res. of Off. (dated 7th May).

MILITIA BATTALION.

Capt. B. G. C. Hobbs relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health (dated 22nd May), and is granted the hon. rank of Major.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

6th Bn.—W. H. Pearey (late Cadet-Sgt., Ipswich Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 23rd April).

6th Bn.—Capt. J. L. Challoner resigns his commission and is granted the rank of Lieutenant (dated 26th May) ; Lieut. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., to be Captain (dated 26th May).

6th Bn.—2nd-Lieut. H. J. M. L. Criddle to be Lieutenant (dated 4th April).

7th Bn.—James Friedberger Simpson (late Cadet Lance-Corporal, Malvern Coll. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 12th May).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn.—Lieut. N. K. Worters, from Active List, to be Lieutenant (dated 12th May).

7th Bn.—Capt. E. D. Mackay, from Active List, to be Captain (dated 12th May).

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COL. M. W. BIDDULPH.

We deeply regret to have to announce the death, in his 77th year, of Lt.-Col. Middleton Westerna Biddulph, late 5th Fusiliers, which took place on 9th May, at 8, Carlyle Mansions, Cheyne Walk, London. He was the eldest son of Francis Wellesley Biddulph, Esq., of Rathrobin, Tullamore, King's County, Ireland, where he was brought up and where his father for twenty years hunted his own pack of fox hounds.

He joined the 2nd Bn. of the FIFTH in 1867, which Bn. was then commanded by Lt.-Col. Kirkland, and went to India with it in 1880. He held the posts of Signalling Officer and Instructor of Musketry, the former during the Afghan Campaign of '79–'80, for which he got the Medal and Clasp. In 1882 he went as Adjutant to the 1st Volunteer Bn. (now the 4th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers), and remained with them till 1886, when he rejoined the line Battalion and served with them till 1894, when, having succeeded his uncle to the property at Tullamore, he retired from the Army and settled down to the life of an Irish country squire.

He was popular with his own people and his neighbours, and his courage, fearless determination and kindliness won for him much affectionate regard. He rebuilt the old house of Rathrobin and farmed the estate extensively and successfully. He was also something of a bibliophile, and collected quite a valuable library there. During the Rebellion of 1916, *et seq.*, he courageously declined to hand over any money to the rebels, and when menaced by them one night he fearlessly addressed them on the lawn alone. Shortly after this visitation his doctor advised his moving to England for change, and during his absence a second deputation from the Rebel Army visited Rathrobin and took all his wine and clothes, and a few weeks later, after sand-bagging his agent, they burnt the house to the ground. His generosity to his people was proverbial, and the many gifts he bestowed upon Regimental institutions are well known, too. He never spoke ill of anyone, not even of the misguided folk who treated him so callously. His declining years were full of pain and suffering, heroically born. He never missed a chance of associating himself with his old Regiment, and even as lately as the 25th April last he was assisted to the Cenotaph in London, there to join with the Old Comrades Association in laying a St. George's Day wreath.

LIEUT.-COL. M. W. BIDDULPH.

He was buried on the 14th May, at Golder's Green, after a funeral service had been read at the Old Church, Chelsea. Among the many beautiful wreaths were emblems from Past and Present Officers and the Old Comrades' Association.

To Mrs. Biddulph we offer, on behalf of all 5th Fusiliers, our deepest sympathy in the loss of one who was by no means the least of Ireland's gallant sons.

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DENIS McCARTHY

(Late Sergeant, 5th Fusiliers.)

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Denis McCarthy, late Sergeant 5th Fusiliers, which took place at Camberwell on the 14th May.

Sgt. McCarthy was a Mutiny veteran, having served through that campaign with the FIFTH. He was a fine old soldier, and besides the Mutiny Medal with Lucknow clasp, he possessed the Bronze Medal for "Merit." Of both of these he was justly proud, and he was equally proud of having belonged to "The Fighting Fifth," and never missed a chance of claiming this as a distinction. He kept up with the Regiment all his life, and was

DENIS MCCARTHY.

a regular subscriber to the *St. George's Gazette* till the day of his death.

His last illness was a long one, and he bore two years of suffering with soldierly fortitude, till his relief came on the 14th May, in the eighty-seventh year of his life. Alas! his great wish, to be borne to his grave on a gun carriage, was not fulfilled, though his pall was the Union Jack. Each year he received roses for St. George's Day from the Regimental Aid Society, and the last token he desired should be placed on his bed where he could see it, so that, to his great content and comfort, he died in sight of St. George's emblem.

On behalf of all Old Fusiliers we tender to his widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

GLASGOW,
May, 1926.

During the past month we have been taking to heart the truth of the old saying that "it is the unexpected which happens."

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With the inspection by G.-O.-C. Northern Ireland District just passed, we had again settled down to our peaceful avocations in our extremely peaceful camp by the seaside at Ballykinlar.

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As the strike situation developed in Britain we followed its various moves with the ordinary degree of interest evinced by the ordinary citizen, more or less secure in our own minds in the imagination that the great upheaval was hardly likely to disturb us, tucked away, as we were, in the seclusion of Ballykinlar. The issue to the Officers of a booklet on our deportment in aid of the Civil power did nothing to shake our faith in our immunity from strike duty. As the days passed by, the news was spread that if any troops should happen to be moved from North Ireland, either we or our neighbours the West Yorkshire Regiment would be the first to go. As, however, no warning order accompanied the news, there was no immediate reason for our being particularly interested, and we continued to lead the same peaceful life.

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Saturday, 8th May, arrived, and still we were undisturbed. The ordinary Saturday afternoon expeditions took place as usual.

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The usual husbands and wives went off shopping to neighbouring towns. Dotted about here and there on the country roads in the district, the usual dangerous soldiers were to be seen as usual, falling off the usual crazy bicycles in the ordinary, usual way.

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Some Officers went off to play the usual golf. The Adjutant crept off as usual to fish a special bit of water, the whereabouts of which he was keeping a dark secret. Everything was as usual as could be. In camp, the final of the Inter-Company Hockey Knock-out Competition was being played between "W" and "Z" Companies, all under the usual rules, with the usual sticks and the usual balls. The usual spectators, who never have played the game, and probably never will, were, as usual, loudest in shouting advice to their teams or addressing caustic remarks to their opponents in the usual manner. The usual Hockey Shield, which is presented each year to the winning team, had had its usual annual polish up and was there on the table on the ground to be presented to the winners in the usual way. We hadn't even changed the Shield. All was just as usual and ordinary as could be.

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About half way through the second half of the game an Orderly Room Orderly was seen to approach the Orderly Officer, who was looking on, but there was nothing unusual in that: in fact, it is quite a usual thing for an Orderly to speak to an Officer, even on a Saturday afternoon. A little later this same Orderly Officer was seen dashing about a little excitedly, but

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still there seemed to be nothing particularly unusual about it, as we have often seen him like that before.

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Eventually he disappeared in the direction of the Quartermaster's quarter. Meanwhile the hockey match was proceeding quite as usual, and at that moment Mr. Kilgour nearly slaughtered "Z" Company's goalkeeper with a shot like a cannon ball, just as he usually slaughters them. But stop! Here's something unusual! a movement, insignificant to the uninitiated, is taking place, but it draws the attention of an Officer spectator. With bated breath he tells his neighbour, who tells another, until an anxious and mystified group of Officers is standing regarding the remarkable phenomenon.

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This is *really* unusual; what does it portend? What has happened in Ballykinlar to bring about this altogether unheard-of THING? What, in a word, is the enormity of the crisis which takes the Quartermaster to his office at 4.30 on a Saturday afternoon? Can it be that a file is lost? Worse still, maybe he has remembered that on the previous Saturday's inspection a Company was found deficient of brooms bass handle long, and he has forgotten to send them a chit about it and so is hastening at this moment to start a correspondence on the matter.

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As they brood uneasily over these and similar speculations, up comes the Orderly Officer again, by this time quite breathless, and singles out a married officer. Taking a deep breath and drawing himself up to his full height, he delivers himself of some such speech as this:—"I, as Orderly Officer, this 8th day of May "—*gasp*—" hereby warn you "—*gasp*—" Captain X——, to be ready to move "—*gasp—gasp*—" at 24 hours' notice "—*gasp—gasp*—" as from Monday, 10th day of May."

"Ha! ha! very funny!" laughs the caustic Captain. "I'm serious," says the outraged or outrageous Orderly Officer. "Fancy that!" says the caustic Captain, or words to that effect. "Fancy you being serious! Ha, ha! Ha, ha!!" "But I really *am* serious," pleads the Orderly Officer, now nearly in tears. The caustic Captain by this time thinks the melodrama has gone far enough and exhorts the lachrymose one to "Go and try it on someone else," and so he fades away disconsolate. Meanwhile the Hockey Shield has been presented, and the successful team are going in a body to the Sandes Home to celebrate their victory appropriately with a "cup a tea and a wad."

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The Commanding Officer having presented the Shield, now approaches the group of Officers and tells them that it is quite true that we really are to be in readiness to move at 24 hours' notice on Monday. This causes a slight sensation, but the general opinion is that it is just a precaution on the part of the Government and probably we shall not move at all.

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Within half an hour of this the Officers' call has sounded. Headquarters, North Ireland District, had telephoned saying that instead of being at 24 hours' notice on Monday, we were to move at 8 o'clock, or thereabouts, that same night. Then began a real hustle. A few rapid instructions from the Commanding Officer to the Officers, passed on by the Officers to their Companies, and the whole camp appeared to be at the double—men changing into service dress, assembling their marching order, ammunition and rations being drawn and issued, Lewis gun magazines being filled, limbers loaded, etc., etc., and at 8.15 we marched out of camp in marching order and steel helmets, at full strength except for a small party of details and a very few men who were on pass in Belfast and elsewhere. One of the sights of the move was the arrival of the Adjutant from his mysterious fishing expedition. Just in case of any such emergency taking place, he had warned his groom where to find him. The latter, on hearing the news, had ridden at once out of camp taking with him the Adjutant's horse, and the spectacle of the Adjutant dashing into camp on horseback in plus fours, with a fishing rod in one hand and six trout in the other, was one worth going very far to see.

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We entrained at Ballykinlar Halt, some two miles from camp, the Machine Gunners having gone to Dundrum earlier as a loading party and entrained there.

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We marched through Belfast round about midnight to the docks, where H.M.T. *Neuralia* was waiting to take us to Glasgow. After loading 14 days' rations and other stores and the limbers, we went to bed in the early hours of the morning, but the boat did not actually sail till about six a.m. on Sunday. The *Neuralia* at the time of the move was out of commission, so we had to run all our own messing on board, and a minor discomfort was that there was no canteen on board. There were also no hammocks, so the men had to sleep on the deck.

(The writer is strongly tempted to call it the floor, but refrains in order that he may be spared from the sallies of captious critics—anyway it felt just like sleeping on the floor.)

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We anchored in the Clyde at 6 p.m. on the Sunday, and moved on again at 8 p.m. very slowly up the river, and finally berthed at about 11 p.m. Our progress up the river was not without interest, numerous members of the population hailing us from the banks, mostly in a friendly manner, occasionally in a hostile one. One small group of youths, who pointed to us and then went through the motions of throat-cutting by numbers, indicating our fate on arrival, produced rounds of applause from the ship. The boat having berthed all the stores had to be unloaded, and a party of Officers were sent on in advance to Maryhill Barracks to take over quarters. We eventually disembarked at about 1.30 a.m. and marched four miles to the Barracks, where we were a little disappointed to find we were not expected so early and had to hang about for a while on the Barrack Square, while day began to dawn before we could get into the rooms allotted to us. Once in them, after some tea had been issued, weary bodies laid down on the floor and slept like logs until breakfasts, which were at twelve o'clock. Since then we have settled down a little more comfortably, though we still have to have two sittings at meals owing to our only having the small dining-hall. The Officers' Mess is in a room of the Corporals' Club, where we live a cramped but comparatively cheerful existence.

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Such is the tale of our move from Ballykinlar to Glasgow. The rapidity with which we were ordered to move very naturally led us to believe that a serious state of affairs had arisen in Glasgow necessitating immediate reinforcements of troops, and we were quite prepared to have to go to the aid of the Civil Power very soon after our arrival. As it has turned out, such was not the case, and the exact reason for bustling us off in this breathless manner must, we suppose, remain a mystery—"ours not to reason why," etc., etc. No troops have been called out for the strike except on ordinary convoy duty.

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A few days after we had been here the General Strike was called off, and the question on everyone's lips was, "When shall we be going back?" It appears, however, that we are to remain until some settlement of the coal question had been made: meanwhile we have been here a fortnight, and our greatest difficulty has been to try and look civilised when we have been living for a fortnight with kit on manœuvre scale. For a fortnight we have lived in the one suit of Service dress, in which the men have slept on the deck of the boat, and have done all their fatigues, loading and unloading the boat, and in barracks and all the parades—result is that the clothing unavoidably gets dirtier every day. Moreover, having moved wearing steel helmets, the only other head gear possessed by the men is the soft variety of Service dress cap which they normally stuff in their packs when we go on manœuvres to wear at times when steel helmets need not be worn.

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Our turn-out, therefore, leaves much to be desired, and we feel that fate has been a little unkind in introducing the FIFTH to Glasgow in "gor-blimey" hats and soiled uniforms without walking-out canes, etc. Hence we shall not be sorry when we are able to return to Ballykinlar and a civilised existence.

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The Barracks of which we occupy a portion contain the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, just home from India, and the Depôt Highland Light Infantry, and we have whiled away a good deal of the time by taking them on at various forms of sport, in which, we regret to say, we have not won as often as we could have wished. At football, hockey and boxing, the Royal Scots came out winners; Officers' hockey we drew; and the cross-country run we won. In Inter-Company Football competitions, "W," "X," "Y," "Z" were drawn to play "A," "B," "C," "D" Companies of the Royal Scots. "W," "X" and "Y" Companies won their games, but the game between "Z" Coy. and "D" Coy. Royal Scots has not yet taken place, owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the Royal Scots, who failed to appear on the ground at the appointed time.

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We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Royal Scots for their kindness and hospitality in lending us kit for games and for assisting in arranging these competitions.

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In the boxing we were up against a tough proposition in the Royal Scots, who are reputed to have had the same team for five years and never to have been beaten in India. Cpl. Ross and Fus. Stockton were our only representatives who won their fights. Cpl. Ross is again to be commended for his display in sticking to a tough opponent, finally knocking him out. At the end of the fight it was found that Ross's jaw was dislocated. Of those who lost it can anyway be said that they all fought pluckily and well. There is no getting away from the fact that they were outboxed, and though we were disappointed at not winning more fights the evening's boxing was of value to us as an object lesson of the sort of standard we must aim at reaching. Now that boxing has been given such a good start in the Battalion since our win in Ireland, constant efforts must be made to keep on looking ahead and improving each year, so that our team, which is a comparatively young one, may, as the years go by, keep on gaining in experience and knowledge.

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Our victory in the cross-country run, the next day, was very welcome. Teams were entered by the Royal Scots, The FIFTH, and the Depôt Highland Light Infantry. They consisted of twelve runners per unit, of which the first nine were to count. The course was a pretty short one of about 3½ miles. The following represented the Battalion:—

Cpl. Ross, "Z" Coy. (*capt.*)	Fus. Warren, "Z" Coy.
Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, "Z" Coy.	Fus. Robinson, "Y" Coy.
Fus. Nacklam, "Z" Coy.	Fus. Hardy, "Z" Coy.
Fus. Morton, "Z" Coy.	Fus. McLean, H.Q. Wing.
Lce.-Cpl. Longstaff, H.Q. Wing.	Fus. Wilson, "X" Coy.
Fus. Latimer, H.Q. Wing.	Fus. Humphries, "Z" Coy.

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Our first nine men in were all among the first fifteen, and the places gained were as follows:—

3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

This result was largely achieved by the excellent packing of Cpl. Ross, who was very plucky to run at all after a night in hospital, following the injury to his jaw the previous night at the boxing.

The final points were:—

Fifth Fusiliers..	90
Depôt H.L.I.	142
Royal Scots	166

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An Inter-Platoon Tug-of-War competition was arranged, and produced some surprisingly good platoon teams. The competition is not yet finished, and fuller details will be published next month.

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At our first Church Parade in Glasgow we were very pleased to meet one of the Old FIFTH, who came to see his old Battalion. This was Mr. J. Terrell, who was R.Q.M.S. of the 1st Bn. from 1900 to 1904, after which he went to the Depôt, where he served till 1910, thus completing his 21 years in the Regiment. He is now in business in Glasgow, and we wish him every success. Mr. Terrell was wearing a decoration not often seen nowadays—the Soudan Medal of 1898.

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There is little to record regarding the Battalion's doings at Ballykinlar before we moved, except that we were inspected by the G.-O.-C. North Ireland District on 30th April.

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We have since been inspected here by the G.-O.-C. Scottish Command, who whispered words of condolement over our lengthy detention in Glasgow.

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After the General Strike was called off and we could enjoy a little liberty, char-a-banc outings were arranged to Loch Lomond and the country round about. We were lucky in having good weather each day, and all those who took the opportunity of seeing some of the beauty spots of Scotland thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

May 10th.—Came last Saturdaye orders for our regiment to move with all speede to Glasgowe, and trulie wonderfulle it was to see how our sleepie campe was of a sudden roused to the greatest activitie, for alle the world as though it were an ant heape stirred by the clumsie foote of a Colossus, sayve that in this case there was no confused rushynge hither and thither as mighte be with an ant heape so upsette, but everyone a-hastenynge to and fro to some goode purpose, so that in no

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time we were marchynge out of campe in goode order as to numbers and turn-out, our fellowes takynge it all in high spirrits and goode part, and jestynge with their womenfolk who were at the roadside to see them away. One brayve fellowe I did heare a-promisynge to bring a monkie back, as though he were a-settynge forth for Africa or some such parts, and indeede, to judge by some of the gibbering creatures we did see on the river bank as we were sailynge up to the city, he may well hope yet to redeem his promise.

What did not a little puzzle and perplex me was this, that though we were on the shippe at Belfast all readie to set sail at two of the mornynge, yet she did not sette forth finallie until six of the mornynge, by reason, they do saye, of her havynge to wait the tide, so that methought some of these four hours might well have been spared us before we came away from the campe, the better to enable us to order our affayres ere leavynge, and who exactlie might be responsible for so bundlynge us off I cannot rightlie figure out. Suffice it that through his overmuch pressynge of us I find myself this past fortnight without many of my creature comfortes such as scissors and bed-slippers, and the like, for the packynge of which I had not time or opportunitie. Later, on arrivynge at the barrackes in Glasgowe on the Monday mornynge, wearie of the tedium of the journey and from lacke of sleepe, not a little vexed to finde that though our shippe had been in the Clyde river since six of the clocke on Sunday evenynge, yet nobody expected us at the hour of our arrival, and some difficultie in gettynge quarters. And so to bed as daye was breakynge, all the officeres on the floor of a hut, the door of which bore the printed legende, "Babies' Welfayre Centre," and as I was fallynge asleep reflecktd that so far as it concerned those matters and arrangements for which our regiment was responsible, the move had been a highlie satisfactorie affayre, but for the other arrangements of it I could find little to commend in them. Straynge how it is, too, that in certain circumstances we can be thankfulle for what on other occaysions would be a matter for vexation, for now I did find myself trulie glad and gratefulle for my sad stayte of fatigue, inasmuch as without it no sleepe could have come to me so plaguilie hard did I find the floore for sleepynge.

In my sleepe a mightie straynge dream came to me, and the reason of it I cannot account for, except that it be through my havynge noticed the legende over the door, for in this dreame all the officeres were become babies, a-lynge in their cots a-suckynge at soothers and the like, whilst a doctor came inspecktynge of the welfayre centre, and with him Paddie Ryanne all dressed up as a nurse and showynge off the babies. First they stopped at the cotte of Sir Basil Binst, the doctor mightilie pleased with him and sayinge to the nurse what a creditte such a grate bonnie childe was to the welfayre centre, and next to the cribbe of Sir Steve Smith, who was creatynge a prettie hubbub, a-fussynge and a-cryinge, and altogether mightie querulous till the nurse did give him a sillie wooden horse to play with and so succeeded in quieting him. So they passed from one to another, now pausynge to examine an odde blemish on the face of Sir Clarence Clergies, and now haltynge at the cribbe of Sir G. B. Bolo, where a somewhat grayve discussion of the abnormable development of the feete at so tender an age—for indeede he did seeme to be nought but feete. So it went on until of a sudden the doctor and nurse were changed into Quartermaster Bambury and another, who were pokynge around such poore bits of furniture as the roome possessed, and what was odde was that they were talkynge backwards in a mightie sillie fashion, for I did hear severalle times such thynges as "tables soulderes two" and "trestles tables soulderes, four" and "pokers soulderes one," and the like, all of which so much annoyed me, so ridiculous was it that I awoke, and there, sure enough, were Quartermaster Bambury and a Quartermaster of a Scottish regiment, and so did I curse them bitterlie for the mightie to do they made between them in countynge a few sticks of furnitures on the inventorie, and a-wakynge myself and others from our well-earned rest by their needless hubbub. So to sleepe again to rest as well as I mighte, till noon, and then did enjoye my breakfaste as seldom before. The rest of the day settlynge in, and so to bed again, devoutlie hopynge that this grate crisis which has brought such trouble to our nation and so vexatious a degree of discomforte to myself may soon be passed and done.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

With reference to our Saturday night functions, we have just held the best of them all.

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A Ladies' Night was arranged, a night in which the ladies controlled everything.

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The show went with a swing and was voted to be a tremendous success by everyone present. Great credit is due to the ladies for this show, which included a competition for gentlemen, namely "Putting the Donkey's Tail On."

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The entries for this were many, and the whole thing caused great amusement.

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By request the winners' names are not mentioned.

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However, enough of this.

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The next event to come along was the St. George's Ball and Parade.

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The clerk of the weather kindly provided us with a fine day for this ceremony, and all went well—extremely well.

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On the evening of the 23rd of April, the St. George's Ball was held in the Garrison Gymnasium at Ballykinlar.

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The preparations for this entailed a tremendous amount of work—firstly owing to the nature of the place, and secondly owing to circumstances.

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The Committee consisted of President, C.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M.; Members, Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) P. Gale, Band-Sgt. Chislett, Pioneer-Sgt. Gibbons, and Sgt. Crawley.

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Owing to various unforeseen happenings arrangements were a little late. However, all necessary articles were quickly wired for.

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These turned up at the very last moment—hence the tremendous amount of work.

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The Committee soon had everything in hand, and achieved a result beyond expectations.

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Thanks are also due to those members of the Mess who came along and assisted in the work.

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The result obtained was well worth while anyone's work.

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The Gymnasium was absolutely transformed from a rather bare building into a veritable fairyland.

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Sgt. Crawley's masterpiece was an alcove for those who desired to sit out most of the evening; while the Pioneer-Sgt. put in splendid work in the way of Band platforms, trellis-work, etc., etc.

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Q.M.S. Gale was responsible for the dinner tickets and dance programmes, and the result of his efforts was an artistic success.

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The Band of the Regiment made a very pleasing spectacle in their full-dress uniforms, and they dispensed some very excellent dance music.

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As the evening wore on and got more merry, the Band changed into costume and proceeded to liven things up considerably.

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At the other end of the hall, on a beautifully decorated platform, were the Colours, watched over by a Guard also in full dress. Their statue-like pose and fine bearing called forth praise from everyone who saw them.

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The Regimental Silver set out in glorious array put the frame round a very pleasing picture.

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At the entrance to the Hall stood two Drummers in full dress uniform, complete with drums, who presented the ladies with real red and white blooms and all with their supper tickets and dance programmes.

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Against a background of red and white roses, mounted on a trellis, they created a tremendously fine impression.

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The attendance was large and everybody spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

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Members were present from all Messes in the Northern Irish Command.

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We were honoured by the presence of Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, Colonel of the Regiment.

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Brig.-Gen. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., was present at the "Trooping of the Colours," but unfortunately had to return to England early, and so did not attend the Ball.

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Amongst the visitors were our old friends the Durham Light Infantry, whom we were very pleased to see.

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On Saturday, 8th May, a sudden order was received to proceed on Strike Duty.

We left Ballykinlar at 8.15 p.m. and entrained for Belfast. We then embarked on board the troopship *Neuralia*, and after a very pleasant journey (at least so far as the weather was concerned) eventually arrived in Glasgow in the "wee sma' hoors" of Monday.

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Now stationed in Maryhill Barracks, in company with the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots and The Depôt Highland Light Infantry.

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The members of these Messes are a particularly fine sporting crowd of gentlemen, and so far during our stay Inter-Regimental billiard matches were arranged. Results were as follows:—

ROYAL SCOTS *v.* FIFTH FUSILIERS.

12th May, 1926. Games of 100 pts.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury	100	*v.*	Sgt.-Dmr. Soffley		60
C.Q.M.S. Peak	100	*v.*	Ar/S/Sgt. McPherson		49
Sgt. Murphy	100	*v.*	R.S.M. Phillips		95
Sgt. Baker	96	*v.*	Sgt. Boswell		100
Lce.-Sgt. Hobbs	100	*v.*	C.Q.M.S. Francis		85
Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron	88	*v.*	Band-Sgt. Davidson		100
	584				489

FIFTH FUSILIERS *v.* DEPÔT H.L.I.

13th May, 1926. Games of 100 pts.

R.Q.M.S. Ambury	78	*v.*	C.Q.M.S. Naish		100
Sgt. Baker	100	*v.*	R.S.M. Fry		45
Sgt. Murphy	50	*v.*	C.S.M. Warrington		100
Lce.-Sgt. Hobbs	100	*v.*	Sgt.-Piper Craig		97
C.Q.M.S. Ludford	58	*v.*	Sgt. Dow		100
C.Q.M.S. Peak	77	*v.*	Sgt. Spencer		100
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Immediately after this match the H.L.I. proceeded to entertain us with a smoking concert.

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Needless to say, the rest of the evening was passed in riotous merriment.

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The Depôt Co-Opts., the concert party of the H.L.I., staged an excellent show as a welcome to us on arrival in Glasgow.

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On Thursday, 20th May, they also gave a show which everybody voted to be, speaking in the language of the classics, absolutely A.1.

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Several little things which perhaps ought to have been mentioned in this issue have probably been missed out.

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This is entirely due to the move, and to the fact that so many things have happened before, during and after the aforementioned move.

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We received a visit from an Old Fusilier, the other day—a man who is well remembered by the older members of the Mess. His name is Mr. Terrell, and he served in the Battalion in the capacity of Quartermaster-Sergeant. He is now thoroughly enjoying life and resides in Glasgow.

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A visit from old members of the Regiment is always extremely welcome.

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Which brings to mind the fact that we also had a visit from an old member of Bordon days—to wit, Jock Leyden.

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"Should auld acquaintance be forgot?" No!

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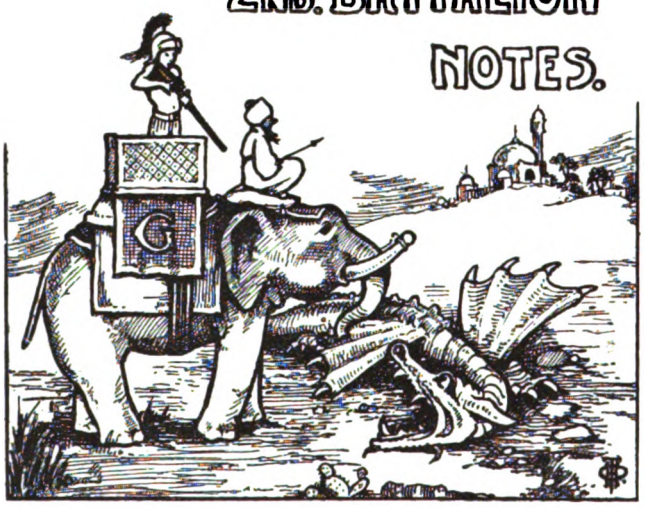
Mention has yet to be made concerning a little incident which took place during one of our weekly functions. The article is at present delayed owing to the uncertainty of facts.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
22nd April, 1926.

We have heard since the last notes for the *Gazette* left, that the FIFTH are going to Nowshera: it does not seem to be very pleasant from the little we have heard about it, but we hope that it is not as bad as it is painted.

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This year we are going to Ranikhet as a Battalion, and not in detachments—this is quite a novelty, and if we meet Chaubattia and Dulikhet in sporting events we ought to put up a good show.

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St. George's Day is very close now, and the Colour Company has had many practice parades, and the rest of the Battalion as well.

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Mr. Surtees and Mr. Foster will carry the colours and Boy Brooks will carry the Drummers' Colour.

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The King's Colour, with the new honours most ably put on by Mrs. Maynard, looks very fine—I suppose "put on" is the right term.

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Our best thanks to Major Thornton for his St. George's Day telegram, and congratulations on his method of sending it.

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During the last month we have had four new arrivals—Mr. Foster and Mr. Leech on first appointment to the Regiment, and Mr. Melville and Mr. Hanmer, I.A.U.L. We wish them the best of luck in the future.

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The grand event of the past month was the visit of the Queen's Drums and football team. They came from Allahabad on 24th March, and that afternoon drew with us in a very good game of football. The score was 1—1. Fus. Gibbons scored our goal with a shot that nearly carried the goal posts and nets to Ajodhya. The Queen's equalised in the second half, and the play rocketted from one end of the field to the other with very little pause. There were some very exciting moments in front of each goal, but neither side managed to break down their opponent's defences.

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On the 25th, early in the morning, the Queen's Drums played ours at hockey and football: both games were drawn. During the day the Brigade Commander arrived to see the two corps of drums playing at Retreat. The playing was very fine indeed, and a sight like the two corps would amply repay a very long journey to Fyzabad. Let's have more sometime soon.

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Now that the hot weather has started there is not very much in the way of news, but before long when the Hill season is on we shall have more to say.

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Wednesday morning.—"B" Coy.'s office.—The "stillness" is only broken by the occasional roar of "Pearson, bring me some more tea," and then a steady gurgle-gurgle from the table of the Second-in-Command. But wait. What can be causing an even greater din? It is somebody approaching rapidly—visions of re-writing, correcting, and re-submitting Orderly Officer's reports flash through my mind—but I breathe again, it is but a satellite of the P.R.I.—"Look here, F——, I am short of notes for this month's *Gazette*, so when you have finished that lemonade, will you scribble a few lines and have them in the P.R.I.'s office by 1 o'clock. Thanks. . . . Good morning."

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I glance at the clock: there are quite a number of things which can be done in three quarters of an hour, but this is not one of them.

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From all of which can be gathered that there is really but little news.

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The result of the Buksh Elahi Competition has just been published, and our sympathies go to our representatives, No. 5 Platoon, who were beaten by a team of the Worcestershire Regt. by the very narrow margin of 3 points (one hit). We also extend our sympathies to A.C.C., who had visions of a pleasant railway journey to Meerut to fetch the trophy.

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Mr. Collingwood is at present making preparations to go on leave, much to the delight of the Company runner.

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C.S.M. Moon has returned to us from leave in the U.K., and has discovered that a sea voyage is not entirely without romance—our heartiest congratulations to Miss Kirkham and the C.S.M. on their engagement; we have visions of a piece of wedding cake with our morning tea in the near future.

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Our strength has been increased by two—twins (a boy and a girl) having been born to Mrs. Masterson, wife of Lce.-Cpl. Masterson. We are pleased to say that all three are doing well.

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Capt. Chipper is exceedingly busy making arrangements for the accommodation and reception of the large number of guests who are coming to Fyzabad on St. George's Day.

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12.50 p.m. Enough !

K.O.N.F.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

26th April, 1926.

C.S.M. Moon has arrived from Winter leave to U.K., looking happy and without any encumbrance. Hopes for his future welfare are, however, engaging the attention of the bachelors, whose minority is causing some concern in the Mess these days.

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The St. George's Ball, held on the 21st April, was a great success. The decorations were something in the way of a revelation and quite eclipsed anything in their originality that we have yet seen.

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The Commanding Officer and Mrs. Kershaw were present, together with a large number of guests. A most enjoyable time was spent.

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Our thanks are due to R.Q.M.S. Atkinson and his committee for their efforts and organisation.

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The Trooping of the Colours on the 23rd found us all bright and sparkle again. Over 100 guests attended the breakfast after the parade and so another happy day passed by.

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To C.S.M. Davis and Lce.-Sgt. Walker we must extend our congratulations as respectively right and left guide of the Colour Company.

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The married families left for the Hills on the 24th, so our dining numbers are swelled accordingly. Seems quite like old times to see them again.

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Sgt. Larkman has been appointed Orderly Room Sergeant at Ranikhet Hill Depôt, and Sgt. Holmes has left for the Hill station, where he hopes to remain the whole season.

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Sgt. Earl has departed on two months' leave to the same happy Mecca.

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Sgt. Pearson has returned from the Small Arms School, Pachmarhi, and now steers the good ship " Gun Stops " on the Battalion Cadre.

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C.S.M. and Mrs. Davis embark for Summer leave to U.K. per s.s. *City of Baroda* on 6th May, and hope to return in time to pack for Nowshera.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd May, 1926.

The Depôt in normal times :—" There are two boys coming to-morrow, they'll be attached to us until the next draft goes out. Can you fix them up all right ? "

" My dear fellow, we've no room ; we've five squads in training now. Every room is full up. It simply can't be done."

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The Depôt in a state of Emergency :—" I say, we've just had a message from Area. Two companies of the Dorsetshire Regiment will be here to-morrow morning between two and five, with eight officers, in twelve char-a-bancs. Then there will be six R.A.F. officers here to-night some time, with goodness knows how many other ranks. Six officers are coming from Catterick as dispatch riders, and a wireless detachment will be here at any minute now and will want an office. There'll be a section of armoured cars here to-morrow or next day, and, before I forget, the 149th Infantry Brigade Headquarters is moving into barracks and will require two rooms and a telephone. Also these two men of the Royal Scots and that Guardsman are stranded here, so they'll want quarters too. By the way, got any room in your stores ? Because all the rifles in Northumberland are to be put into them for safe custody. Will that be all right ? "

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COL. H. S. S. MORANT, D.S.O., CMDG. 149TH INF. BDE., PRESENTING SHOOTING PRIZES.

" Oh ! yes, we'll fit them all in."

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This is not a very exaggerated impression of the last month. From a selfish point of view, we almost enjoyed the strike as a break in the monotony of our normal routine and for the opportunity it gave us of making many new friends.

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In normal times it is only with great difficulty that we can fit games into the day's programme, but last month, as soon as our visitors arrived there was football, boxing or sports every afternoon.

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On behalf of all ranks at the Depôt we congratulate Capt. Waight on his marriage, and wish him and Mrs. Waight every happiness in the future.

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Soldiers of ambition will be glad to hear that their chances of promotion have increased. The Commanding Officer has bought a motor bicycle.

GAMES NOTES.

Garrison Boxing Tournament.

112 lbs. to 120 lbs.

Fus. S. Parker, 5th Fus. (bye)
Lce.-Cpl. Gibson, D.L.I. — L/Cpl. Gibson, D.L.I.

Lce.-Cpl. Cockburn, D.L.I.
Fus. J. V. Brown, 5th Fus. (bye) — Fus. Brown

Fus. Brown

Winner—Fus. Brown.

120 lbs. to 130 lbs.

Lce.-Cpl. Porter, Dorset Regt.
Fus. Gibbon, 5th Fus. — Fus. Gibbon

Pte. J. Cook, D.L.I. (bye) — Pte. Cook

Pte. J. Cook

Pte. J. Tait, D.L.I.
Fus. J. Mason, 5th Fus. — Fus. Mason

Pte. Tucker, Dorset Regt.
Pte. Wheatley, Dorset Regt. — Pte. Wheatley

Fus. Mason

Winner—Fus. Mason.

130 lbs. to 140 lbs.

Fus. Whittle, 5th Fus.
Pte. H. Jobson, D.L.I. — Fus. Whittle

Pte. Gillot, Dorset Regt.
Sig. F. Monks, R.A. — Sig. F. Monks

Fus. Whittle, after extra round

Pte. N. Simms, D.L.I.
Pte. Sackeld, Dorset Regt. — Pte. Simms

Fus. T. Turnbull, 5th Fus. (bye) — Fus. Turnbull

Pte. Simms

Winner—Pte. Simms.

NOTE.—Fus. Whittle unable to fight in the final, debarred by M.O.

140 lbs. to 150 lbs.

Dvr. Hall, R.A.
Fus. M. Kane, 5th Fus. — Fus. Kane

Pte. R. Richardson, D.L.I.
Pte. Richards, Dorset Regt. — Pte. Richardson

Fus. Kane

Pte. T. Curry, D.L.I. (bye) — Pte. Curry

Fus. H. Leach, 5th Fusiliers — Fus. Leach

Fus. Leach

Winner—Fus. Kane, after an extra round.

Points.—5th Fus., 37; D.L.I., 27; Dorset Regt., 6; Royal Artillery, 4.

Boys' Competition.

Tmpr. Barton, Royal Artillery
Boy Bowdell, 5th Fus. — Tmpr. Barton

Boy Tradewell, 5th Fus.
Tmpr. Fossey, Royal Artillery — Tmpr. Fossey

Tmpr. Fossey

Winner—Tmpr. Fossey.

Awarded Special Prize for Best Loser—Pte. Richards, The Dorset Regt.

GARRISON SPORTS.

2 *Mile Relay* (2 men at a mile).

1, Dorset Regt.; 2, R.A.F. and Departmental Corps; 3, D.L.I.; 4, 5th Fusiliers (Fus. Watson, Mr. P. H. Earle).

880 *Yards Relay* (2 men at 440 yds.).

1, Dorset Regt.; 2, 5th Fus. (Fus. Jackson, Cpl. Babington); 3, D.L.I.; 4, 54th Battery R.F.A.; 5, R.A.F.; 6, 51st Battery R.F.A.

400 *Yards Relay* (4 men at 100 yds.).

1, R.A.F. and Departmental Corps; 2, D.L.I.; 3, 54th Battery

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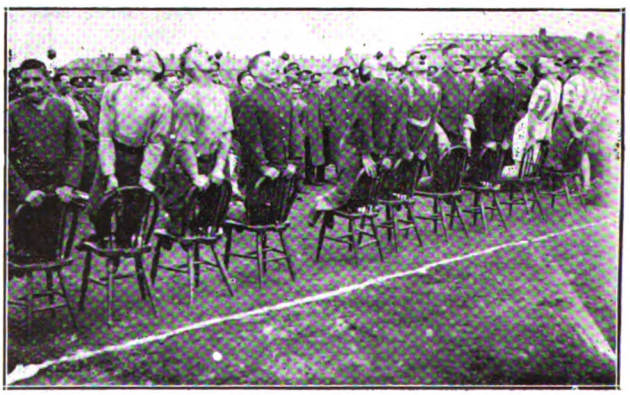
Garrison Sports—Pillow Fighting.

R.F.A.; 4, Dorset Regt.; 5, 5th Fus. (Sgt. Fitzgerald, Lce.-Cpl. Sowerby, Dmr. Bond, Cpl. Harris); 6, 51st Battery R.F.A.

2 *Mile Medley Relay* (440 yds., 440 yds., 880 yds., 1 mile).

1, 5th Fus. (Sgt. Curtis, Mr. G. L. A. France, Lce.-Cpl.



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Garrison Sports—Apple Grab.

Richardson, Mr. R. Forbes Watson); 2, D.L.I.; 3, 54th Battery; 4, 51st Battery; 5, R.A.F., etc.

Score Board.

	2 Mile.	880 yds.	400 yds.	Medley.	Total.
D.L.I.	4	4	5	5	18
5th Fusiliers	3	5	2	6	16
Dorset Regt.	6	6	3	0	15
R.A.F., etc.	5	2	6	2	15
54th Battery	0	3	4	4	11
51st Battery	0	1	1	3	5

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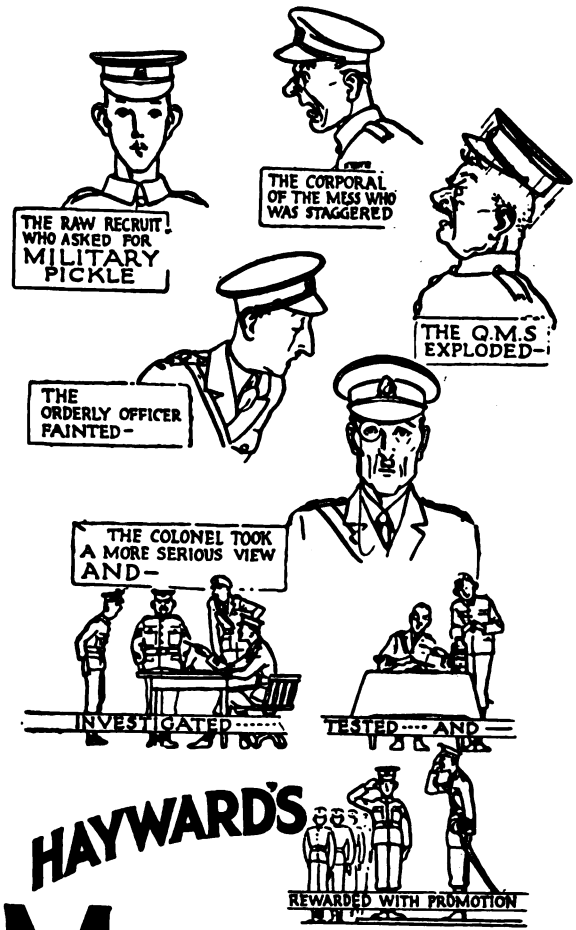
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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
24th May, 1926.

We commence these notes on 7th May, at a time when the whole community is thinking of only one thing—the General Strike. As a result of a dispute between the coal miners and their employers, the entire country is held up to ransom. At the moment, should you venture upon the King's Highway by any means other than your own flat feet, you may expect to be held up by "picquets," composed of men, otherwise sane, who are under the impression that by interfering illegally with the freedom of "the man in the street" they are helping the cause of the miners. If only the results of such a distorted sense of equity were not prone to become so serious, we might be excused for laughing at these misguided efforts to curtail the liberties of a free people.

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To-day, although the coal strike continues, and with it trade depression and loss for all those concerned in this great industry, we can again move about unmolested.

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The General Strike failed, as it was bound to fail, and was as short-lived as should be all those persons and things which militate against the free and constitutional government of old England.

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The miners throughout have conducted the strike (or lock-out) in a spirit of the utmost good nature, and the disorderly element has been conspicuous by its absence.

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When the Government called for men for the Civil Constabulary Reserve, there was a good response from all ranks of the Battalion, who realised that to be ready to assist the police in the maintenance of order was a duty which every man could and should conscientiously undertake, irrespective of his political or social views.

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We have had to carry on our training as best we can, and in spite of many difficulties the Drill Halls have been well attended.

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Our Musketry Training and Week-end Camps have been postponed, and this will put us very much behindhand.

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At present the question of Annual Training is also one of uncertainty, but it is understood that our Commander-in-Chief has brought his influence to bear in an effort to arrange for the camps to be held rather later on than had been previously arranged.

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In any case, whatever the decision may be, those W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Fusiliers who have completed their drills and musketry will receive their full bounties—unless, of course, there is a camp and they do not attend it.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

On Thursday, 22nd April, the management of the local cinema hall kindly reserved 40 seats for members of the Company to witness the screening of the "Ypres" film. Needless to say, this generosity was greatly appreciated: in fact, 56 N.C.O.'s and men attended. The short address given by the manager was most interesting, and his references to the Regiment were loudly applauded by the civilian members of the audience.

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The Company held its annual Church Parade on Sunday, 25th April, in Mickley Parish Church—this parade was a record one, especially considering the early start.

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The total strength of the parade was 108, composed as follows:—

"Z" Company	64
Mickley Band	21
R.A.O.B. and Ex-Service men ..	23

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Of course the usual references to the "Parading of war paint" on Sunday mornings were forthcoming from certain quarters, but this was to be expected.

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From the Territorial point of view, things are very uncertain and depressing at the moment. The General Strike is, of course, out of the way now, but the coal stoppage is still with us. The very time when musketry could have been brought up to date and finished in a nice, leisurely manner is, of course, the time when one cannot do anything. Now it is rumoured that camp may be cancelled—truly the Territorials' lot is not a happy one at the moment.

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Anyhow we are up to strength at last, having secured twenty-four other ranks from "Y" Company, the said other ranks residing in and about Hexham.

The new price of ENO's "Fruit Salt" is an invitation to better health. You can make no wiser purchase at this time of the year than a bottle of ENO's "Fruit Salt."

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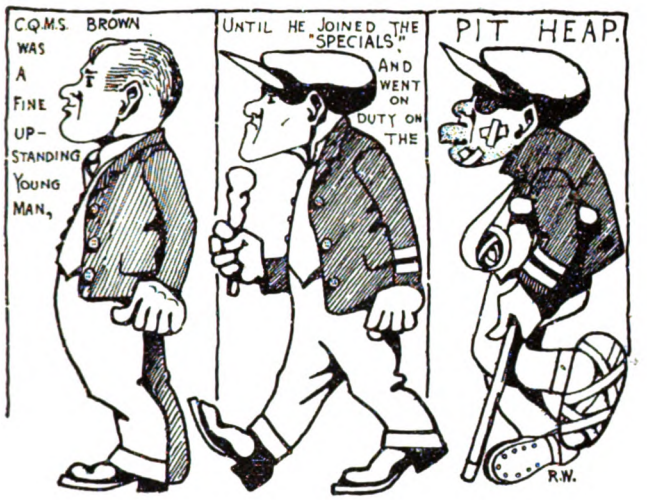
It is worthy of note that Hexham, after six years, has produced a platoon—of course, now that they belong to a really



decent company there is every chance that recruiting will proceed apace.

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We had hoped that our week-end camp at Allendale would produce something for these notes. Like a lot of other things, however, Allendale has not yet functioned.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

It is rather difficult to write comprehensive notes this month as, somehow or other, although there is much to talk of, it is very difficult to settle down and separate the wheat from the chaff, so to speak. Somehow the events of the past few weeks have been so thrilling and so very upsetting that one is rather at a loss to discriminate between what may be repetition of strike calamities and what may be peculiar to ourselves.

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To commence with, it may be of interest to know that on the first day of the General Strike, nearly the whole of the detachment "hung aboot abit" outside the Drill Hall, in a state of

great expectancy, the presumption being that a defence force or something like it might suddenly commence.

They were doomed to great disappointment, but we are pleased to say that we provided our just proportion of special constables.

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The worst news for us, however, is the threat of no annual camp, but we are still hoping that it will take place at a later date.

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On the 1st and 2nd of the month we sent a party of 60 Officers and other ranks to Allendale, under the command of Capt. Bradley, to practice field-firing. They had a good time, were able to carry out their programme according to plan, and were not swamped out at nights, as has been their plight in past years.

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On 2nd of the month a party of 140 Officers and other ranks, under Capts. Wood and Charlewood, fired their annual musketry course at Ponteland. From all this it will be seen that we are carrying on "business as usual."

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Our annual St. George's Church Parade was held on 25th April. The parade formed up at the Drill Hall and marched to Newburn Parish Church, where our own Padre, Rev. C. Milner, officiated.

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A wreath was placed in the church, and later the detachment marched to the War Memorial, where a short service was held, during which a second wreath was laid. Mrs. C. O. P. Gibson also laid a wreath at the foot of the Memorial.

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On the march back to the Drill Hall, our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., took the salute.

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The Officers present were Lt.-Col. Gibson, M.C., Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., Capt. R. Wood, Lieut. J. M. Todd, D.F.C., and 2nd-Lieut. A. O. Peters.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER,
May, 1926.

Since the last notes were written the Great Strike has come and gone. We, like everything and everyone else, are now suffering from the "Great Aftermath," which bids fair to keep many machines out of gear for some considerable time. Our particular little bit of military machinery is like the other machines: three musketry days have already been cancelled, and we now hear that our Annual Camp is also cancelled—all this because of a ten days' madness; and it's not even mid-summer!

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Drills have been kept going throughout the strike, even though we were "armless" and "uniformless," and, by the number of lectures, etc., on "Fire Orders" that took place, every single man in the Battalion should be able to "recognise" and "indicate" and "shoot" at anything; if so, it's an "ill wind that blows nobody any good."

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The majority of the Officers volunteered their services to various essential jobs, from escorting mails to plate-laying; some even, we believe, escorted fe-males to and from their homes, whether by the most direct route always, history does not relate.

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One little "batch" of Officers, together with some of the 6th Battalion, escorted the mails to York one early morn, and after travelling through numerous hostile pickets at high speed, arrived safely. The Relay Station, "somewhere in Yorkshire," reminded all concerned of the old war days: lorries, lights, piles of baggage, airmen, cursing, hoots, roars of engines, quick drinks, etc., as in the old days; the only thing missing apparently was the rush of death-dealing missiles through the air, but even these had a certain representation in bottles, stones, etc., along various portions of the route.

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Now all is quiet once again, much to the disgust of certain bloodthirsty members of the Battalion, who vent their wrath on their bowlers with their purloined batons.

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We congratulate Mr. Giles in successfully passing the written part of his Certificate "A" Examination, obtaining 385 marks out of 600 possible.

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We condone with our Adjutant on being confined to the Walker Drill Hall during the strike, where he appeared to be chiefly engaged as "night watchman" and "telephone operator," which functions he carried out with the help of a revolver and a bludgeon, and was left in peace.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
21st May, 1926.

In spite of the General Strike, training has been completed according to plan, and the section leaders' courses are now in full swing.

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Two week-end camps have had to be postponed, but most of the Battalion have done their musketry, and we are glad to record that the shooting this year shows a great improvement.

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Just as we go to press comes the depressing news that no camp is to be held, but no reason as yet. We can only, therefore, surmise that the disturbance to the normal life of the nation caused by the strike cannot be rectified before 13th June, or that the necessity for national economy is so pressing that even the cheap insurance which the nation derives from the Territorials' voluntary efforts is too expensive an item to persevere with in the present state of national finance.

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Whatever the reason is, it is most disappointing, especially as we were looking forward to the opportunity of presenting to the view of the critics our numerous recruits which, as far as we are able at present to judge, are a clean, healthy and useful type of man and who have joined the Battalion to soldier as a patriotic duty and who are willing to undergo discipline and self-denial for the good of the Battalion first and of their own moral character second.

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We hope something may be arranged later.

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During the strike, the subalterns worked like slaves at various jobs, and everyone was coming into the Civil Emergency Police, which, however, never got beyond the initial stages of organisation. Everyone thanked the powers-that-be that there was no defence force. It was obviously wiser to defeat the extremists by voluntary civil effort than by a display of martial force.

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We note, with regret, from the 2nd Battalion notes in the April issue of the *Gazette*, that our old Adjutant, Major F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., is retiring after 26 years' service. Major Athill was formerly Adjutant of this Battalion, and went out with it to France in April, 1915, where, unfortunately, he was badly wounded in the wrist, and he was, therefore, unable to rejoin us. The efficiency of the Battalion at the outbreak of war was greatly due to Major Athill's thoroughness as a soldier, and we feel, therefore, that all ranks of the Battalion will regret his retirement, and wish him all future success and happiness.

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As Major Athill married a sister of Capt. Kearsley Drummond, who was killed whilst with this Battalion in the war, we feel sure that all ranks will wish that the good wishes should be extended to Mrs. Athill also.

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The following appeared in the *Newcastle Journal*:—

"ST. JULIENITES."

1/6TH N.F. REUNION DINNER IN NEWCASTLE.

"Brother St. Julienites," was how Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., addressed past and present members of the 1/6th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, T.F., who assembled to the number of 120 in the St. George's Drill Hall, Newcastle, for the second annual Reunion Dinner, over which he presided, and incidents of that memorable occasion were lived over again in the minds of all present.

Lt.-Col. Anderson commands the 5th Bn., but he was facetiously described by Drum-Major B. Snowdon, who controlled the arrangements, as a "Sixth at heart." Others present included the present Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; Capt. J. McKenzie, O.B.E., M.C., A.D.M.S., 50th Division; Capt. G. F. Bell, Capt. T. P. Parmeter, Capt. and Adjt. J. Leese, and Capt. Nicholson.

Following the loyal toast, on the call of the Chairman, Drum-Major Snowdon submitted the silent toast of "Fallen Comrades," which was observed by the members standing.

"Success to the Reunion" was proposed by Col. Anderson, who voices the general regret at the illness of Major Lovibond, whose wound at St. Julien was still troubling him, and on his proposition it was unanimously agreed to forward a letter of sympathy and hope for his speedy recovery.

Stories of St. Julien, and music, rounded off the function, the efforts of Mr. Alec J. Robertson, pianist and entertainer, being greatly appreciated, as well as the impromptu contributions by the members.

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Major J. L. Lovibond was one of the Officers sincerely missed from the second annual Reunion Dinner of the 1/6th Bn. N.F. He wrote saying that he had been "laid up" since Christmas, and could not put his foot to the ground on account of his old wound. This was received at St. Julien in April, 1915. Lt.-Col. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., told the assembly that the "little Major," as he was affectionately termed, had suffered constantly through returning to the front before he should have done. His interest in his old unit was evident, added Col. Anderson, by the fact that he had sent one of his family 600 miles to see the officers and men in camp.

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Letters regretting their absence were also received from Lt.-Col. G. R. B. S. Pain, C.M.G.; Majors G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., and W. J. Harrison, T.D., R.A.M.C. (T.); Captains F. Dawson, M.C., and F. C. Clayton, M.C.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The re-appearance of news from this quarter appears to have gladdened the hearts of many of our members, particularly that of R.Q.M.S. Boyd. While such recognition—if one may term it so—comes from one so high and mighty in matters appertaining to the general welfare of the Mess, the "Scribe" can go ahead feeling justified in his amateurish journalistic efforts.

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We have been making a name for ourselves in quite a new sphere—to wit, football—for Good Friday found us fielding an eleven in a friendly match with the P.O.'s of H.M.S. *Helicon*. Of course, as football goes, the sides were evenly matched, each possessing their "come backs," half backs, drawbacks, etc., but in spite of this the game was contested in quite an earnest and sporting spirit. Our R.S.M. proved that there is life in the old dog yet by playing a game which would have shamed many of the younger members of the Mess. That go-ahead policy of his appeared to affect the rest of us to the extent that we came out on top to the tune of 3 goals to nil. Sgts. Bulmer and Wood were the scorers, but even their efforts did not eclipse one other member of the team who was probably excelling as a footballer when some of us were going to school. We respectfully refer to Sgt. Fitzpatrick. Little did we think that our efforts were to be rewarded the way they have been, for the P.O.'s of the *Helicon* (always a sporting crowd) have presented a cup to be contested for annually between themselves and us. It is quite a massive affair, standing on a plinth, on which the winner's name can be inscribed. Of course, it ain't silver or gold, but of wood, suitably painted to represent silver, with the plinth covered with aluminium on which our name, as first winner, is duly inscribed. The presentation was made at the H.M.S. *Helicon's* Annual Ball, held in the Brighton Assembly Rooms, and on behalf of our Mess C.S.M. Hoggins received the Cup from P.O. Darling, to the tune of "Old Soldiers Never Die."

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On Saturday, 10th April, a Smoking Concert was held in the Mess, presided over by R.S.M. Capstaff, and during the course of the evening we took the opportunity of placing on record our appreciation of S/Sgt. H. Hullyer's services whilst acting as an Instructor with the Battalion. The appreciation took the form of a Jacobean Clock, suitably inscribed, and this was handed over to "Harry" by R.S.M. Capstaff, after one of those little speeches so full of sincerity and good advice. This was responded to by Sgt. Hullyer, who thanked the members of the Mess, on behalf of his wife and himself, for the gift which would always act as a link between them and their happy associations with the 6th N.F. Sergeants' Mess. The rest of the evening was given over to matters musical, and it is really surprising the talent that exists amongst our members. Their efforts to entertain appear to be of a never-ending variety—there was such a galaxy of artists. We could have gone on till the early hours of the morning, but everything has an end, more especially when the rule of closing the Mess at the appointed time must be strictly adhered to on economical grounds.

S/Sgt. Hullyer and his family left Newcastle Central early on Thursday morning, and we trust that by the time these notes appear in print they will have settled down to duty in their new quarters. We welcome his successor, Sgt. Hullion, and look forward to making his further acquaintance as time rolls on.

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Our genial Drum-Major Jimmy Orange has been forced to tender his resignation owing to reaching the age limit. This is a severe blow to "Jimmy," and while we sympathise with him for the blow that fate has so unkindly dealt him, we sincerely hope that he will be long spared to come amongst us. It seems hard that we should lose his services, for in spite of his years "Drummy" is remarkably active, and we all endorse what he himself says, that a man is as old as he feels; but those in authority say that a man is as old as his birth certificate makes him out to be—so, Jimmy, Adieu! To mark our appreciation of his services, a pretty little ceremony took place in the Mess on Saturday night, 24th April, when the C.O., Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D., handed over to Jimmy a gold curb albert and medal, suitably inscribed. We welcome his successor, Drum-Major Snowdon (or more familiarly known as "Barney"), and feel sure that the "Drums" are extremely fortunate in this appointment, for Barney's capabilities in this sphere are known to many of us, and he takes up his new duties with our best wishes.

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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

This was held on St. George's Day, in the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms, and proved a great success. It was led off by the C.O., Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, and Mrs. Dixon, wife of Sgt. C. F. Dixon. The guests were received by R.S.M. Capstaff and C.S.M. Robinson, and included the following:—Col. H. H. Morant, D.S.O., Commanding 149th Infantry Brigade; Col. Pinkney, R.A.S.C., D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. Gordon, M.C.; Lt.-Col. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., Commanding 5th N.F.; Lt.-Col. A. D. S. Rogers, T.D.; Major Wilkinson, M.C., Capt. Bell, Capt. Clayton, M.C., Capt. Dawson, M.C., Capt. Parmeter, Capt. McKenzie, O.B.E., M.C. The arrangements for the Ball were in the hands of C.S.M. Robinson, C.Q.M.S. Burn, Sgts. Bulmer, Johnson and Wood, and Pioneer-Sgt. Wilson again carried out the duties of secretary. They are to be congratulated on making the Ball such a success.

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BILLIARDS.

Another handicap has just been brought to a close, and we congratulate the winner, our Treasurer, C.Q.M.S. George Goodall, and at the same time offer our condolences to Ex-C.S.M. Walton, who was the other finalist. It is the first occasion "George" has shown such interest in any handicap, and it certainly gives many of us hope for the future, not that we wish in any way to under-estimate the ability of our Treasurer as a "pill-man," but it proves that those in our Mess who usually are back markers in these handicaps will have to look to their laurels.

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SHOOTING.

The Co-operative Shield, competed for annually by teams of 4 Sergeants from each Company in the Battalion, was shot for on Saturday, 17th April. It was a very close fight, and we must congratulate "D" Coy., captained by C.S.M. Weddle, on their success.

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We have to congratulate C.Q.M.S.'s Chisholm and Harding on gaining their "crowns," and sincerely hope they will live up to the reputation of that noble band of "Christian Martyrs" whose ranks they have joined.

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We welcome into our Mess Sergeants Hall, Ferguson and Fife.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
22nd May, 1926.

Since our last notes appeared another St. George's Day has come and gone. Unfortunately, owing to the scattered nature of our unit, we were not able to have any Battalion function, but Companies made their own very suitable arrangements for celebrating the day in their respective districts.

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During the morning the Quartermaster placed wreaths on the Battalion War Memorial in St. Michael's Church, Alnwick, and on the Town Memorial.

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The Alnwick and Berwick detachments made St. George's Day the occasion of their Annual Ball, and this was voted a great success by all present.

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It was a great disappointment to all ranks to hear that all Territorial Army Training scheduled to commence before 15th June is to be cancelled as a result of the industrial upheaval—our camp being included. Particularly so as we really were pretty certain of being at full strength as regards "other ranks" this year. Our great hope, however, is that this cancellation will ultimately only prove to be a postponement, and that an alternative date may be approved for our Annual Training.

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At the same time the Powers-that-be might possibly favour taking us to a more salubrious spot than Catterick.

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It is pleasing to be able to report that when the names of various candidates who have been recommended for Commissions appear in the *Gazette* there will be only one Officer vacancy.

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The dearth of Junior Officers has for some time caused much anxiety to those responsible for bringing the Battalion up to establishment, and we hope the time will not be far distant when the "House Full" notice is displayed.

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A Tactical Exercise for Platoon Commanders is being held in the vicinity of Alnwick on 29th and 30th May.

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The arrangements for the carrying out of this exercise are in the very capable hands of the Adjutant, Capt. R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., and a satisfactory attendance is assured, so that great things are expected as a result.

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One of the Adjutant's chief labours at the moment is cramming the young officers with warlike knowledge, and it is satisfactory to report that good progress is being made by all.

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The young idea is exceptionally keen, and there are hopes that at least one of them will in the fullness of time bring forth from his haversack with pride that oft-referred-to but very elusive article—the Marshal's baton.

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St. George's Sunday saw a large number of the detachments at Morpeth, Amble and Berwick on Church Parade.

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The Drums from Alnwick, under Dmr.-Sgt. Adamson, attended the parade at Berwick, and the Broomhill and Radcliffe Band very kindly gave their services and played the Amble detachment to Church.

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We have nothing particular to say in regard to training which is going on very well—including the courses which are being held at Company Drill Halls.

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The following promotions and appointments have been made since the appearance of our last notes:—

To be Sergeants.—No. 4262231 Lce.-Sgt. C. Murray, "C" Coy.; No. 4260064 Fus. T. Mould, H.Q. Wing; No. 4259657 Cpl. J. Cobbledick, H.Q. Wing; No. 4265060 Fus. J. B. Dodds, H.Q. Wing.

To be Lance-Sergeant.—No. 4262160 Cpl. J. B. Welsh, "C" Coy.

To be Corporals.—No. 4263795 Lce.-Cpl. C. Ross, "C" Coy.; No. 4260036 Lce.-Cpl. J. Costello, "A" Coy.; No. 4262875 Lce.-Cpl. S. Short, "D" Coy.; No. 4258420 Lce.-Cpl. J. D. Patterson, "D" Coy.

To be Lance-Corporals.—No. 4259671 Fus. J. Dickinson, H.Q. Wing; No. 4261950 Fus. G. Hetherington, "A" Coy.; No. 4264253 Fus. J. Robson, "A" Coy.; No. 4265038 Fus. W. H. Atkinson, "C" Coy.; No. 4263161 Fus. R. Small, "D" Coy.

ALNWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

St. George's Day was celebrated at Alnwick by the Detachment holding their Annual Ball.

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This was well attended, about 200 being present, including the following Officers:—Capts. Appleby and Trenam, Lieuts. Adlard, Green, Potts and Sanderson.

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Dancing commenced at 8.30 p.m. and continued with a merry swing until 3 o'clock in the morning, to the strains of delightful music rendered by Mr. T. Whittle's Syncopated Dance Band from Morpeth.

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Supper was served in two sittings during the Ball, by the Ladies' Committee, under Mrs. Rowsell and Mrs. Adlard.

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Our thanks are due to this committee for the excellent repast provided, and for the excellent arrangements which they had made to ensure the smooth working of this important item.

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The Colours, under an escort of the Detachment, were for the first time on view and were much admired by those present.

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Red and White roses were presented to each non-member of the Regiment as they entered the hall, which had been tastefully decorated under the supervision of R.S.M. Rowsell,

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For greater comfort during dancing, electric light was specially installed for the occasion.

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Lieut. Adlard, assisted by Sgt. Adamson, Lce.-Cpl. Brewis and Fus. Pringle, carried out the duties of M.C., and the fact that during dances "wallflowers" were conspicuous by their absence, speaks well for the manner in which they performed their duties.

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Owing to the clashing of dates for the various regimental functions in this district, it is regretted that many of the senior Officers, who would have been present, had to absent themselves. They were, however, with us in spirit.

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Establishment—20 Officers ; 636 Other Ranks.
Present Strength—15 Officers ; 615 Other Ranks.
Required to complete—5 Officers ; 21 Other Ranks.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
May, 1926.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. 10/- each.

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The great General Strike has come and gone. It has hung over our heads like the Sword of Damocles for the past year or two, and at last the hair has given way and the sword has fallen. We need not have spoilt our feast, as did the sycophant of Dionysius, for the sword was but a property affair of *papier mâché*.

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Thanks to Messrs. Grigg and Son, there was no interruption in printing the *St. George's Gazette*. What delay there was, was due more to postal arrangements and the difficulty of transferring our Editorial person from the office chair to the editorial one—a distance of some fifty miles.

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Subscriptions due in June :—
Major H. R. Smail

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The following *Gazettes* are at the Printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown :—

Mrs. Harcourt-Vernon
Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G.
Miss M. Crisp

ARMY WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

It is laid down in an amending Article to the Pay Warrant that the conditions under which the widow of a deceased soldier may be granted a pension are that she was legally married to the soldier while he was serving with the Colours and before the receipt of the wound or injury, or before the first removal of the soldier from duty on account of the disease, from which he died.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

On St. George's Night the Association held the annual

St. George's Ball, at the Headquarters of the 2nd London Regt. (T.A.), 9, Tufton Street, Westminster. Some 300 members and members' friends attended, and dancing to the music of a capital band went on until an early hour the following morning. Red and white roses were prominent everywhere, their distribution being organised by Mrs. H. I. Morgan, with the assistance of Mrs. M. Broad, Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Bun and Miss Weston. An excellent variety programme was also performed during the evening at intervals of the dancing. Mr. G. Redhead (late R.S.M.) acted as Master of the Ceremonies, ably backed-up by Messrs. E. G. Halliday,

B. H. Martin and W. G. Wellings ; and the complete success of the arrangements was due to the untiring efforts of the Entertainment Committee and its zealous chairman, Mr. J. A. Arnold, and of the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan. A number of Officer-members attended, among whom were Brigadier-General E. Morton, C.B.E., Col. E. B. Heard,

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Col. F. C. Turner, C.M.G., Col. D. Sapte (Hon. Treasurer), Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (President of the Association), Major W. M. Allen, Captains J. T. Rowland, Young and Aubone Surtees, and Lieuts. A. Bell, H. A. Wilkinson, D. E. Prosser and E. G. Halliday. The Officers of the 2nd London Regt. kindly put their Mess at the disposal of Officer-members of the Association for the evening. Conspicuous among those Old Fusiliers present were three real veterans of the FIFTH, Mr. W. Harvey and Mr. G. Brydon ("Chips"), from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and Mr. S. McClements, who was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. I. Bun, who was born in the Regiment. Mr. McClements enlisted in the FIFTH in 1867, and got his discharge in 1890. The dance-hall was decorated with St. George's flags and trophies surrounding the battle honours of the Regiment. Major-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, Colonel of the FIFTH and Patron of the Association, Lady Bertha Dawkins, Col. R. J. Roddam, and many other members and supporters of

MR. W. HARVEY AND MR. W. BRYDON.
(Photo by Mrs. M. Broad.)

the Association who were unable to be present sent congratulatory telegrams.

CENOTAPH PARADE, SUNDAY, 25TH APRIL.

On Sunday, 25th April, the members of the Association assembled on the Horse Guards Parade to march to the Cenotaph and to deposit a wreath in memory of all Fusiliers who fell in the Great War.

Brigadier-General G. H. Armstrong, C.B.E., commanded the Parade, and at the conclusion of the march laid the wreath, which was composed of red and white roses surrounding the Regimental crest and motto, at the foot of the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Some 250 members of all ranks fell in, and in addition to the Officer-members who had been present at the Ball on St. George's night, Col. M. W. Biddulph, Col. H. R. Sandilands, D.S.O., Major G. L. F. Leverson, D.S.O., and Capt. A. Wood attended. The Association marched to the Cenotaph behind the long column of the survivors of the immortal 29th

MR. GEO. REDHEAD, LATE R.S.M.
(Photo by Mrs. M. Broad.)

Division, which, under the command of General Sir Ian Hamilton, had paraded at an earlier hour. At the head of this column was the Band of the Lancashire Fusiliers, and as the men of the FIFTH marched out into Whitehall this Band played the Comrades' March, testifying in this courteous and comradely manner to the old associations and good feeling which have always existed between the FIFTH and the XXth. A pathetic incident was the attendance of Col. Biddulph, who, owing to the infirmities of his age, drove to the Cenotaph in his car. It was to be the last attendance of this gallant old

MR. S. MCCLEMENTS AND MRS. I. BUN, HIS DAUGHTER.
(Photo by Mrs. M. Broad.)

Officer at a function connected with the Regiment which was so dear to him and which he first joined in 1865, for he died

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but a fortnight later, on Monday, 10th May. Mr. G. Redhead and Mr. W. Harvey represented the Association at his funeral, at Old Chelsea Church, bearing a wreath from the Association, of which he had been a member since its early days.

At the conclusion of the march the majority of the members and their friends foregathered at the headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires, which had been kindly put at the disposal of the Association as a rendezvous by the Commandant.

The following have joined the Association during the past few weeks:—Major Lord Ravensworth (late 7th Bn.), Lieut. D. S. Prosser, Messrs. W. Caulfield, W. Coote, B. Harmer, H. Y. Leaver, W. Potter, S. Pitts, A. E. Ridler, W. H. Spraget, and W. G. Saltmarsh. Lady members:—Mrs. Maunders, Mrs. McKim, Mrs. Robinson, Miss V. Lewis and Mrs. Wilkinson (widow of the late C.S.M. C. W. Wilkinson). Mr. H. Manley, whose brother, W. Manley, served with the 1st Bn. on the North-West Frontier, has been elected an hon. member.

Mr. C. Godfrey, an old 1st Bn. member, died on 29th April, and the Association sent a wreath in the Regimental colours to his funeral.

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UNIVERSITY COURSES FOR REGULAR OFFICERS.

WAR OFFICE,
18th May, 1926.

Applications from officers of the Regular Army desirous of being seconded in order to commence a University course during the academic year beginning October, 1926, must reach the Under Secretary of State (S.D. 3), The War Office, not later than 30th June next. Applicants must send documents showing that they will be accepted by a University for such a course and must be prepared to give a guarantee that they will continue to serve in the Army for at least three years after the completion of the course. Those taking a University course will be required to read for an honours degree.

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEPÔT FIFTH FUSILIERS,
FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
10th May, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

An open box, apparently the property of the Second Garrison Battalion of the Regiment, was recently found at the Depôt to contain notes and cash to the value of £11 2s. 3d.

There being nothing to identify the owner, and no known fund of the Second Garrison Battalion in existence, the money has been handed over to the Regimental Aid Society, without prejudice to any subsequent claim which may be substantiated.

Anyone wishing to claim this sum of money is requested to apply to the Officer Commanding, Depôt, giving particulars.

Yours truly,
W. PLATT, Lieut.-Colonel.
Commanding Depôt Fifth Fusiliers.

RESISTING TEMPTATION.

The grocer was busy serving customers, but he noticed a small boy standing near an open box of sweet biscuits. "Now, then, my lad!" said the grocer. "What are you up to?" "Nothing." "Nothing? Well, it looks as if you were trying to take a biscuit." "You're wrong, mister. I'm trying not to."

THE ART OF TROUT FISHING.

BY A. R. HORWOOD, F.L.S.
(Late of Leicester Museum).

When the first day comes, how eager is the ardent devotee to commence. There is an extra charm about those first days, after so long a season when trout cannot be caught. It is not the catch so much that gives satisfaction as the sport. There is a novelty, a new experience, as each year the first fish comes to the net. How keen then is the enthusiasm! How vivid the recollection of the behaviour of each one that took the fly, of how each move in the game was made—how one played it, what tricks the sly one essayed to elude the gaff! How affectionately is the fly book handled and its treasures scanned for choice of a likely fly! Is it to be a March brown or a black gnat, or a fuzzy Pyrenee, or a blue hackle, or what? Then the tying on of the fly, the cast, and the moment when best to strike, followed by the excitement of playing the artful, active object of our sport, and the final exultant moment of landing. Before the first day preparation is necessary. One cannot risk using last year's waders without looking at them to see if they hold water. They need oiling too. Then the fly book needs an overhauling. Some sorts need replenishing. That new fly with which we were so successful on a memorable occasion has been used up. We must get a fresh supply. Some have suffered from having been put away, and need titivating up, or throwing out. There are the casts in the cast box carefully soaked to examine. The rod and the line must be examined and the reel. Nor must the creel, the net and the gaff be overlooked.

Often times when one least expects to catch them trout rise in abundance. Other days come when everything is full of promise and yet fortune favours us not. They are indeed fickle creatures, these trout. A cold wind, or a frosty atmosphere, snow in the water or the promise of rain make them sulky. Some will say that trout fishing is not what it used to be, that the streams hold less water, and are spoilt by sudden floods which swell them and leave them again as before. At such times trout will naturally leave their accustomed quarters, and one needs to travel further afield. In flood time a red palmer may answer when another fly is not looked at. In early flood times they forsake the rapids and are in quieter and deeper pools. All these habits must be noticed. When the floods abate trout get into the rougher tumbling courses of the rapids again. In the colder days in early spring, long before May fly emerge, the trout will rise to a March brown, even in the cold of an April blinding storm. But just as suddenly as the fancy seizes them to rise at every fly that comes, so as capriciously will they go off the feed.

When the May fly appears, a time facetiously styled the "duffers' fortnight," trout will rise eagerly enough. In the stomach of a single fish have been found nearly a thousand of these insects. But though they will lie close to the surface and take fly after fly, as quickly will they leave off feeding. Not only do young trout show great liking for May fly, but the monsters of the deep dark pools are lured to the surface by the prospect of a breakfast of May fly. The flies dance over the water, and after a time of mad pirouetting they fall on the surface and are then sucked down at once.

One must not be careless in the matter of one's tackle. Rods of green-heart are the most springy, and hickory if strong. The splice rod has some advantages over the jointed rod, and if the latter is used the rings should be brazed. Each season

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the rod should be carefully examined before being used again. A reel should be of a good width with a short barrel with the handle on the left. The line should be of oiled silk which does not vary much in weight. The gut collar is best tapered, and one needs thick, medium and fine, being careful that the collars are properly tied. Good, long horse-hair is also needed, but requires skilful use. As to flies, there are a great number of these, but for streams one cannot do better than use a red spinner at any time, a blue upright and a furnace-brown. In season no fly is more killing than the May fly or the Green Drake. For lakes the brown drake, Chaloner's Pet, Green Mantle, Grousewing, Jackdaw-wing, Red Landrail. Amongst others of the nondescript type may be recommended also the Alder, Black Gnat, Coch-y-bondu, Dark Coachman, hare's lug or ear, Olive Dun, Red and Black Palmer, Partridge Hackle, Yellow Dun, Red Sand Fly, Ginger Quill. The Fern Fly, Iron Blue, Jenny Spinner, March Brown, Red Ant Fly are always useful. One needs besides these a suitable creel or basket, a landing net and gaff, and of course waders.

And now to business. Choosing a stream where trout teem, inspect the water and note the insect life visible if this is possible. From previous experience select a suitable fly. One may use one or more, a drop fly being often very useful, though a single fly tied to a Limerick hook is for most purposes, and where fish are large, the best. The dropper acts like a fly bobbing on the water, whilst the tail fly serves to imitate the fly floating on the surface high and dry. The hook must be strong, and flies must be strong and well tied on. Sneck-bend hooks, unless well-tempered, will break and fish are lost.

There is an art in casting or throwing a fly. It should be cast far enough in front for the trout in the shallows or deeps to note its presence. If it moves on the water naturally, and trout are feeding, a rise will follow, and the fly be taken. One should cast down-stream as there is then more pull on the line, and it is feasible to strike. Casting up-stream does not enable one so easily to know the psychological moment to achieve the cast. If a trout is feeding at the surface he rarely moves from one position, head up-stream, and then unless the fly comes over his nose he lets it go by, and one must cast afresh. Then, if the fly be taken, how much depends on the manner of striking! If one strikes too vigourously the cast will snap, and if too loosely then the fish may free itself unless firmly hooked. In shallows sometimes inefficient casts only irritate and the trout are not eager to take fly. When the minnows are on the move trout at the union between main stream and entering rivulets will feed on the sunny side, and a wet alder or a March brown or the coachman may be swallowed eagerly. In dirty flooded waters a silver doctor may take.

If a trout is hungry he will take a dry fly or a wet, a coachman or black gnat, or an olive dun. If he is intent on business he will have it, and the fly keeping time with the eddies disappears. There is a pull on the line. You strike, and now it is a case of a tug-of-war. Now comes all the interest of the day. The trout may run out half the line, as he will. You let him have it. Or he can in turn sulk and hide in a dark pool, and no efforts will drag him out until he wills it. All that is to be done is to exert a steady pressure and to give him no respite. If he runs far give him line, but keep a firm hand on him. The pull on his mouth, the well-fast hook, annoys him. He attempts to rush away from it. On a sudden he leaps well out of the water. You are ready for him. Only let him not, in his efforts to escape, snap the line, or he is lost. Falling back in the swift waters he finds it is no use attempting that ruse, for he is more firmly hooked than ever. Another fit of sulks. Once more he rides hidden in the cavernous hollows, and there lies motionless a while. But the incessant pressure of the line, as you reel up and draw closer in cautiously, makes him desperate again. He attempts another mad rush. You let him go, unreeling as he runs. This policy of relentless pressure has taken all his nerve and strength. He is tired now. You draw him in and wading amid stream, with a final splash he comes neatly to the net—a lovely fellow, and a six-pounder to boot. Thus, too, will others come on a good day, but not too many. For if we can tire a fish out readily there comes a time when our gusto is diminished. Our muscles tire, and as the light gives out we pack up, count the catch, and homeward plod our weary way.

P.M.C.

To the uninitiated these three mystic letters convey nothing other than the possibility that they denote a nasty disease or indicate the title of a cheap American motor car. But to those who know, what unpleasant memories they recall. One gets it both ways, for one is either a P.M.C. oneself (poor soul!) or the victim of that beast of prey. For the benefit of the blissfully ignorant person the writer will endeavour to explain shortly what this weird thing is. He is first of all brought into being by the members of the Mess, to rule their destinies, lose their friendship and ruin them in the quickest possible time. His qualifications must be a slight softening of the brain, hence his acceptance of the post, an unlimited capacity to absorb the greatest amount of abuse in the shortest possible time and an unerring instinct to do the wrong thing at the right moment. He must and does invariably put people next each other at Mess who are not for the moment on speaking terms, such as the Subaltern who has just been through the hoop with the C.O. and/or the Adjutant. He derives a fiendish delight in watching the former behave to the latter as though he, the former, was a nephew entertaining a rich uncle from whom he has expectations. The Adjutant is usually depicted by the unrighteous, in caricature, as a bird standing on one leg with an enormous bill. The P.M.C. doesn't wear a bill—he lives, moves and has his horrible being amongst bills, nothing but bills, millions of them. . . . He does nothing else but make them out, in the same way as the other members of the Mess do everything else but pay them. If the C.O.'s claret is not the required temperature (if the bottle is corked his troubles are ended—*R.I.P.*), if the Major's bass is not properly chilled, if the Quartermaster's "small lemon" has not the required amount of acidity, the P.M.C. hears about it, the amount of abuse varying in the proportion of seniority. But, the reader will say, if readers have been sufficiently interested to get thus far, there must be some compensations, or at least some thanks attached to the position of P.M.C. So far as the writer is concerned, thanks have been in the shape of a "Nil Return" up to the present.

As regards compensations, it has been hinted that whereas before the writer was appointed to his job he was only able to afford a week's holiday for himself and long-suffering family at a seaside resort within walking distance, now he takes them by car for a month to any fashionable resort within a radius of 500 miles. The reader can draw his own conclusions. Someday there will exist a perfect P.M.C., but it won't be on this earth nor in our time; in the meanwhile to all other fellow-sufferers, Greetings and Grousings.

P.M.C.

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Captain and Brevet-Major G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O., Half-pay List, on completion of a period of five years on the H.P. List, is placed on retired pay, on account of ill-health, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel (dated 31st May, 1926).

Lieut. C. R. Oliver resigns his commission (dated 10th June, 1926).

Lieut. B. Tarleton is restored to the establishment (dated 15th February).

Capt. T. H. Owen retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 30th June).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—Second-Lieut. D. W. Moscrop, late R.E., to be Lieutenant (dated 19th June).

4th Bn.—Lt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., to be Brev.-Colonel (dated 27th May, 1926).

7th Bn.—W. S. Sanderson (late Cadet Sergt. Barnard Castle Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 5th June).

7th Bn.—J. Fawcus (late Cadet Corpl., Durham Sch. Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 9th June).

7th Bn.—Lieut. S. H. Gallon (late Forth R.G.A.) to be Lieutenant (dated 16th June, 1926).

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

GLASGOW,
June, 1926.

Ref. 1st Bn. Notes for May, 1926, page 84, column 1, line 7, for "fortnight" read "six weeks."

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The above is a complete history of the doings of the Bn. during the past month.

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We wrote last month of having been in Glasgow for a fortnight, and speculating about the probable date of our return to Ballykinlar. The fortnight has lengthened into six weeks, and we are still in Glasgow. The only slight difference in our existence is a slight alteration in our outlook on life . . . we have now given up speculating about the date of our return.

Photo] [*C.S.M. Mellors.*

GROUP OF W.O.'S AND N.C.O.'S ON BOARD H.M.S. *Hood*.

There, dear reader, is our complete history for the past month, in a nutshell. Mindful, however, of the fact that you pay sixpence a month for the privilege of reading this admirable Journal (not to mention the large number of Officers who have recently succumbed to that insidious form of subscription, a banker's order), the writer will now endeavour to give a few carefully padded columns in order to try to make these notes look worth more than they are.

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"PADDING."—From the point of view of those to whose lot it falls from time to time to write these notes, a month of the Battalion's life can nearly always be classified either as "eventful" or "uneventful." There are months when "event" follows 'event" with eminently satisfactory regularity; and again there are months during which, from the point of view of a Battalion correspondent, the life or existence of the Battalion which he endeavours to place on record in these pages seems to present an utterly blank and colourless aspect. Between these two extremes there come months when there is a certain amount to write about, and the scribe can send in his notes,

PARTY VISITING LOCH LOMOND AFTER CONCLUSION OF GENERAL STRIKE.

slightly padded, with a sense of having made some kind of a story of the Battalion's doings.

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There is no doubt about the category under which our doings for the last month may be included. (That makes 148 words of padding, so we will now continue the notes, giving what remaining impressions of Glasgow there are to be given.)

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NOTES.—We were bored with Glasgow at the end of a fortnight. We are more bored with it at the end of six weeks. For over three weeks we havn't even had a decent rumour, and a very ordinary sort of existence has gone on from day to day for probably the longest six weeks that most of us remember. True, our situation has been improved of late by the arrival of our Company and Regimental Games kit, and, better still, of a limited supply of dummy cartridges, with which latter we make merry on our daily musketry parades. *All* the Quartermaster-Sergeants *and* the Quartermaster went to Ballykinlar in a body to bring them. They stayed away about four days' and appeared quite pained on their return to find the Battalion still in a sound economic condition.

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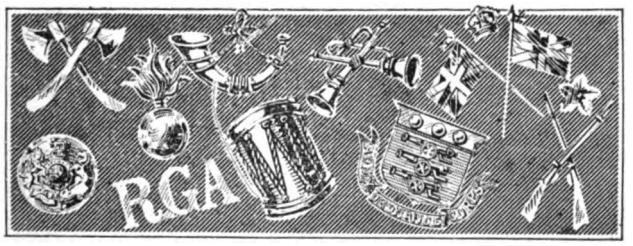

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Despite these amenities, and without being unduly pessimistic about our situation, we do feel a little far from home, and there are probably few in the Battalion now who, given the opportunity, would not vote for our immediate return to Ballykinlar—and those few are probably movie fans and the like, and so are to be disregarded.

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The irony of life is somewhat forcibly brought home to us, too, when we remember the Bn. notes telling of our arrival at Ballykinlar, for there we wrote that though we found it a somewhat inhospitable climate in winter, it would be all right in summer. Little did we realise when voicing these sentiments that May and June and probably July, possibly even August, might be spent in Glasgow.

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In case, however, it may appear that the General Strike and the coal situation, by depriving us of our summer at Ballykinlar, have also robbed us of our morale, and ruined our sense of humour, we hasten to assert that such is by no means the case. There have been one or two events which have brightened our somewhat monotonous existence and helped to provide that touch of the ridiculous which is all the more enjoyable when presented at the moment when we are most in need of it.

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What, for instance, could be more ridiculous than the story of how in Durham a certain individual, at present no doubt revelling in an abnormal amount of notoriety, one of the Big Five—and a very verbose one at that—snivelling and puffing with vain glory, solemnly unveiled a banner, embroidered with the unlovely portraits of himself and Lenin—the avowed demogogue and champion of the masses, presenting himself as an object of admiration side by side with the most blood-thirsty and antociate tyrant of modern history?

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A good word this, "antociate." We don't recognise it, but our dictionary was printed before the advent of cross-word puzzles. Still, 'tis a good word."—ED. *St. G.G.*

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Were it not for the naive humour of such a ridiculous piece of effrontery, general strikes and coal strikes would be but dull affairs.

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Then, again, we had Derby Day in the Officers' Mess at Glasgow. Thanks to that most marvellous invention of the age, wireless, a dozen or so Officers lived every moment of the great race. Picture the scene—a dingy room in the Corporals' Club, serving temporarily as ante-room, dining-room, card-room, etc., all in one. On a shelf at the side, which in its better days evidently served as a small hatch leading from a beer bar, a wireless set has been installed, complete with loud speaker. A dozen or so Officers hanging about, waiting to hear a Sweet Young Thing and a Gentleman with a Nice Voice, broadcasting from Tattenham Corner just before the race. The other side of a frail partition, which does not reach to the ceiling, a small group of waiters are likewise hanging around in the room which served them as dormitory, wine bar, wine cellar, Mess Office, washing-up place, pantry, etc.

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The Sweet Young Thing and the Gentleman with the Nice Voice make fatuous conversation from 2.45 p.m. till about 2.59 p.m. Meanwhile the Officers and waiters grow more and more impatient, watching the clock and wishing they would "dry up and get on with the race."

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Three o'clock comes, and it is time for the race to begin.

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Sweet Young Thing: "I do wish it wasn't raining so much."

(One of our brighter Officers turns to another in a moment of inspiration and says, "It is evidently raining there!")

Gentleman with Nice Voice: "Yes, isn't it a pity! Still, the people don't seem to mind, do they?"

(Officers, in chorus, "Dry up!")

Sweet Y.T.: "I don't think I have ever seen so many people together before."

Gentleman with N.V. (anxious to be quite sure that we do know it is raining at Epsom): "And I don't think I have ever seen so many umbrellas!"

(Officers: "They are d——d late starting.)

Pause.

Gentleman with N.V. and several others: "They're off!!!"

(Officers: "Ah! they're off!)

Pause.

Gentleman with N.V.: "Here they come! Nine, five, twelve"—(not very helpful of him, because we had not got race cards).

"The result of the race will be broadcasted in about two minutes."

A buzz of subdued conversation amongst the Officers follows in which scraps can be picked up:—"Colorado . . . not a hope!" "Apple Sammy! huh! can't stay . . . Lex! Good lord!" etc., etc. So a minute passes . . . a minute and a half . . . two minutes. A slight crackle comes from the loud speaker. All the Officers . . . Sssh!!! Nothing happens . . . a slight pause, a little talk, another crackle . . . sssh!! Nothing happens. . . . The two minutes are up and still no news.

Officers begin to discuss possibilities of an objection.

At last someone at the other end is distinctly heard clearing his throat.

Officers: "Aaah! Ssssh!!"

Loud Speaker: "Good afternoon, Boys and Girls! Our talk this afternoon is on Astronomy"!!

A few moments' execration from the Officers, who wait about five minutes more to see if the result will come through. It does not. They leave the Mess in a body, and meeting a pioneer of the Royal Scots, get the result of the race from him.

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The wireless set is said to have cost £40.

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A few more events remain to be chronicled.

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A parade of the Garrison of Maryhill Barracks was held on the King's Birthday.

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The parade was composed of a Squadron of the 13/18th Hussars, 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, Depôt Highland Light Infantry, and a few representatives of Departmental Corps. Three cheers for His Majesty were given, after which the troops marched past the G.-O.-C. Lowland Area, to music supplied by the Massed Bands and Drums of the 1st Bn. Royal Scots and the FIFTH, ably directed by Mr. Windram.

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The following account of the celebration of the King's Birthday at Ballykinlar has been received from our special correspondent there :—

> "The Details remaining at Ballykinlar during the absence of the Battalion at Glasgow celebrated the Birthday of His Majesty The King by the usual parade, followed by sports in the afternoon, favoured by brilliant weather. The events, which were mostly of a humorous nature, were much enjoyed by the little band of veterans who have so stoutly held the Ballykinlar front for the past 6 weeks."

The arrangements for these sports were excellently handled by Sergt. Dyke.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Musical Ride.—Fus. Riley.

Putting-the-Shot.—Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, Fus. Sanderson (Lieut. C. E. Beckwith's prize); Boy Pinder (Capt. D. S. Lindsay's prize).

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Fus. Sanderson.

Kicking Football.—Fus. Daynes.

Whippet Handicap.—1st, Bessie; 2nd, Nancy.

Wrestling.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor—Appleby; 2nd, Fus. Plumb—Riley. *Boys.*—1st, Boy Ambury—Cantwell; 2nd, Boy Macintosh—Jarrett.

Potato Race.—1st, Fus. Miller; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Terry. *Boys.*—1st, Boy Macintosh; 2nd, Boy Pinder.

Hidden Cap.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Taylor; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Postill. *Boys.*—1st, Boy Cantwell; 2nd, Boy Walsh.

Hidden Treasure.—1st, Fus. Miller; 2nd, Fus. Knapp. *Boys.*—1st, Boy Taylor.

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A cross-country run for teams of soldiers of under twelve months' service was held, and resulted in a win for the Depôt Highland Light Infantry. The FIFTH were second, and the 1st Royal Scots third.

Teams consisted of 20, of which the first 15 counted.

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The Inter-Platoon Tug-of-War Competition which was held here resulted in a victory for No. 1 Platoon. Some good competitions were seen, and the style of pulling was in many cases remarkably good.

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Advantage was taken of having a swimming bath close to Barracks and the annual Inter-Company Swimming was held under the usual Champion Company rules—*i.e.*

1. *Relay Race*—four to swim 25 yards each.
2. *Relay Race*—four to swim 50 yards each.
   No competitor allowed to take part in both 1 and 2.
3. 200 *Yards Team Race*—teams consisting of 2 swimmers.

The competition was won by "Z" Coy., with "X" Coy. a good second.

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The hopes which we voiced last year of taking place in the Army Team Sports this year have been blasted by the industrial situation, and it has been found impracticable to get the team together and train them.

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We have hopes, however, of doing something at the North Ireland and District Sports in August.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., in the sad loss of his father, followed a few days afterwards by that of his mother.

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Heartiest congratulations to Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C., who has brought great credit upon himself, and a measure of reflected glory upon us by passing second into the Staff College.

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Dare we close our notes this month with a prayer that next month's will be written from Ballykinlar?

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There are rumours that the gramophone record, "Not a minute on the day, not a penny off the pay," is wearing out and that, in one way or another, the refrain is going to be changed—that is the worst of these "slogans"—the more

Photo] [*C.S.M. McVors*

SEMI-FINAL.—INTER-PLATOON TUG-OF-WAR.

NO. 14 PLATOON (*left*) *v.* NO. 2 PLATOON (*right*).

loudly they are repeated, as a rule, the more complete and rapid their decrease.

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Young Soldiers' Match, 23rd June—FIFTH *v.* Royal Scots. FIFTH won, 5—1. Scorers: McCaffery, 3; Marshall, 1; Keith, 1. FIFTH superior in all departments.

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Tug-of-War.—Our two tug-of-war teams are due to take part in the Royal Tournament, in their respective competitions, as follows :—

110 stone. Drawn against 2nd Bn. The Black Watch. Time, 2 p.m., 15th July, 1926.

130 stone. Drawn against — Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders on the evening of the 17th July.

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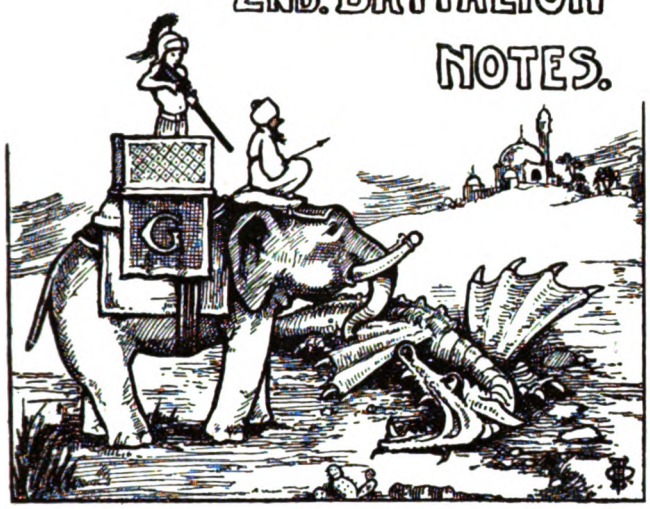
2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

June, 1926.

Our last notes left just before St. George's Day, and so the account could not go in.

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The Brigade Commander came to see the Trooping of the Colours, and many other visitors were in the enclosures at the saluting base. The parade was first rate, and the Brigade Commander's compliments to those taking part in the parade were published later in no uncertain terms.

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The following telegrams and good wishes were received from the Depôt, 1st Bn., 4th Bn., 5th Bn., 6th Bn., 7th Bn., Old Comrades' Association, Col. Hardman Jones, Col. McNamara, Col. Money, Col. Levison, Col. Sitwell, Col. Sturges, Col. Ainslie, Col. Enderby, Col. Sandilands, Mrs. Clifford, Major Lawson, Major Stephen, Major Foster, Major and Mrs. St. John, Major Thornton (from the high seas), Major and Mrs. Ovans, Major Cherry, Major Athill, Capt. Plummer, Capt. Cooper, Capt. Redwood, Capt. and Mrs. Miller Hallet, Capt. Stewart, R.A.M.C., Lieut. Fryer, Lieut. Tarleton, Lieut. Grimley, Lieut. Thomas, Lieut. Hopper.

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The Fusiliers' Dance and the Sergeants' Ball took place shortly before St. George's Day, owing to the first Hill party and families having to leave on St. George's night.

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Both functions were attended by large numbers, and were unqualified successes.

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The first Hill party, of 50 odd, *plus* the families, left under the command of Capt. Edgeworth Johnstone, and arrived without any untoward incident.

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Col. Kershaw is at present taking a hard-earned leave at Bhim Tal, where he is persuading the wily mahseer from the seclusion of their watery fastnesses.

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Lieut. Humphreys has also deserted us for two months on a short leave to England; it is lucky for him that the strike ended so soon.

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We shall feel the effects of the strike in that we shall have no English papers for a fortnight or so.

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During the past month there have been three "At Homes." The 43rd Battery R.A. showed us the duties of the personnel of a Battery going into action, and the works of their guns, and their stables and barrack-rooms.

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A few days later, the 43rd Battery and the 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat Regt. visited us and saw the various entertainments ready for them—an extra special Guard-mounting, and a Platoon Attack by "D" Coy., P.T. by "C" Coy., the Junior N.C.O.'s Class, a visit to the Drum's bungalow, and an inspection of the Regimental Institutes.

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The "At Home" given by the 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat Light Infantry was quite an exciting affair; they started by giving an exhibition of a bombing party clearing a trench, followed by showing us the right and wrong way to deal with the Mahsuds, who were represented by a large number of Jats dressed up and armed in most realistic manner.

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The effect was enhanced by the way they entered into the proceedings. The programme ended in an exhibition of wiring, in which ten men put up fifty yards of wiring in 14½ minutes.

The new price of ENO's "Fruit Salt" is an invitation to better health. You can make no wiser purchase at this time of the year than a bottle of ENO's "Fruit Salt."

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Heartiest congratulations to "D" Coy. on being the Champion Company for 1925–6. The final order was :—"D," "C," "A," "B," H.Q. Wing.

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The Regimental Snooker pair are now undergoing a strict course of training for the 1956 Army Championship, all games played under A.S.S.P. Rules.

TROPHIES AND MEDALS WON BY W.O., N.C.O.'S AND MEN OF "D" COY. (CAPT. E. H. BAXTER), 2ND BN. THE FIFTH FUSILIERS, IN REGIMENTAL INTER-UNIT AND BRIGADE COMPETITIONS, FROM 'XMAS, 1924, TO MARCH, 1926.

The collection includes :—

Champion Company Shield.
Football Shield and medals.
Musketry Shield (held for 3 years in succession).
Cricket Cup and medals.
Boxing Cup and medals.
Rifle Meeting Championship Cup, 1925.
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Ranikhet Inter-Unit Boxing Cup and individual winners and runners-up Cups.
Fifth Fusiliers Open Novices Team Boxing Cup and medals.
The Hart Cup (Fus. T. Phillips).
Bn. Champion Athlete Cup (Fus. J. Watson).
Brigade Sports, 440 Yds. Team (Fusrs. Watson, Knox, Moore).
The Platoon Championship Cup (presented by Col. W. Platt, D.S.O.).
Regimental weights winners' Cups :—
1925—*Lights*, Fus. T. Phillips ; *Middle*, Cpl. H. Palmer.
1926—*Fly*, Fus. J. McMullen ; *Feather*, Fus. T. Phillips ; *Light*, Fus. T. Wright.
Bn. Inter-Platoon Football Competition Medals (No. 15 Platoon, seasons 1924/25, 1925/26).
Hart Medals, 1926—*Bantam*, Fus. J. McMullen ; *Feather*, Fus. T. Phillips ; *Light*, Fus. H. Cross.
Rifle Meeting Grand Aggregate Medal (C.S.M. Beck, M.M.).
Rifle Meeting Second Grand Aggregate Medal (Cpl. W. Young).

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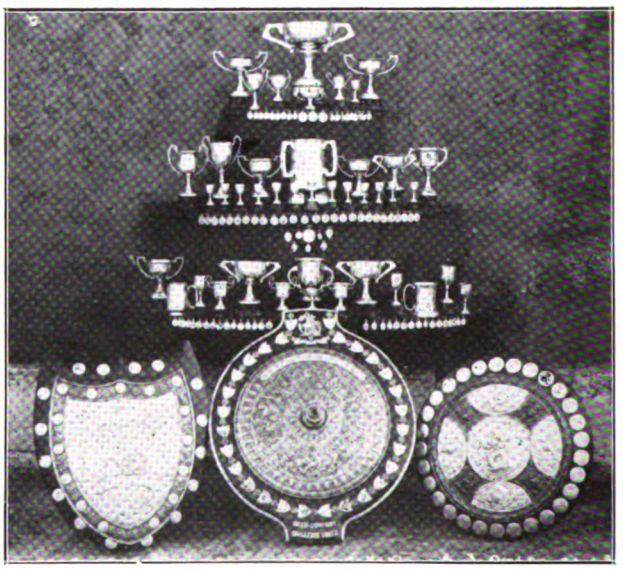
The immense collection of trophies won by Fus. R. Hosker, of "D" Coy., the Fly-weight Champion of the Army in India, 1925, who has now passed to the Reserve, would have added further lustre to this already large collection.

CONFESSIONS OF A MAN OF (FRONT) RANK.

(After perusing a certain weekly newspaper.)

For five days all had been peaceful, life had gone smoothly enough. We had passed the long days in the usual ways—meals, an occasional sweepstake, discussing the characters of our immediate friends and those of the Captain and his subordinates, of course, pro and con, con and pro, and so forth, and so on.

On the sixth morning some extra sense told me that something untoward was about to happen. (Oh ! how I tremble when my sub-conscious self whispers to me !) In addition, a friendly official had warned me on the previous day, that it would be necessary to inspect my credentials. MINE ! I had thrown back my head with a proud gesture. "I am ready for *any* inspection," I had replied. For the nonce the official seemed to be daunted by my fearless attitude, but he quickly recovered his brusque manner. Alas ! my wretched nerves had betrayed me. Unconsciously I was rubbing the running-buckle of a chinstrap which I carried at my waist, and which I had obtained (for a purely nominal sum) from a dear Army friend, who had brought it from Mosul. I had christened it "nightingale." Sometimes sentiment quite overcomes me. I am absurdly sensitive to local atmosphere. More especially with Army friends. But worse was to follow : that very night I saw a notice on the Captain's board. Was my name on it ? I dared not look. It was. Imagine my feelings ! On the morrow I was to be inspected. I ! All of me. My head whirled. Instinctively I grasped my mascot button, given to me in mistake for a piastre by a dragoman at the Pyramids, and began to rub it to and fro, fro and to, across my knee. I felt that the eyes of two (2) Continents were upon me. They



TROPHIES WON BY "D" COY. (CAPT. E. H. BAXTER), 2ND BN. 5TH FUSILIERS, FROM 'XMAS 1924 TO MARCH 1926.

glowed with a sinister light. Every one of them. I recollected (ho, the horror of it !) the warning given to me twelve years ago by a perfect lady on the Pontoon at Grimsby. "Never," she had said, "never look for a South Sea bubble in a Ciro pearl." The thought of this braced me, though I trembled a little. Never can I describe the mental agony of that night. It is unbelievable. It is unprintable. Let us draw a discreet, a tactful veil over my sufferings.

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In the pallid hours of the next day I swallowed, with difficulty, half a pint of tepid tea, punctuated with grains of dusty biscuit. I felt that I owed it to myself to keep my spirits up. Had the ordeal been a day later —to-morrow, or even the day after that, my courage would have sustained me by itself. This was too near, too approximate, too adjacent. The half-hour, the quarter-hour followed each other at intervals of some 15 minutes. It was time ! Somehow I managed to take my place in the line. I required all my courage. To the looker-

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on I presented an undaunted mien. Nonetheless my teeth trembled. The Moment had arrived.

Down the line, stern-faced, came the Inspector. He looked hard at me. Oh, how thin I felt ! In my distress I whispered the charm taught me by a goose-girl in Torquay : " Ham lakri-wallah hai." Somewhere at my back I caught the reply : " Hakam hai." It was all so unreal. Had I heard aright ? An interminable period followed, a time of unspeakable agony of mind. Had the Inspector understood my motives aright ? This was the question that I must ask myself.

I heard myself sharply addressed. Peremptorily I was ordered to stand apart. This was the last disgrace, surely. Alone, pilloried, apart, outcast. I was stunned. Mechanically I staggered forward and turned left-handed. All was over, I thought miserably. My friends of yesterday departed in a body—deserted me. Oh, how alone I felt ! The Inspector was still there. He bawled suddenly at me. I could stand no more. With a sharp movement I turned to the right, gripped my left wrist to steady myself, and so escaped. Anywhere ——

All my faculties seemed to be damned up. Something was very wrong with me. Could it, after this long time—could it be moral turpitude ? Even yet I do not know for certain. What I do know is that, as C.O.'s Orderly, the Adjutant damned me up and down pretty consistently all day for what he was pleased to call " abnormal turgitude."

Life is *so* difficult at times, is not it ?

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

C.S.M. amd Mrs. Davis sailed on the 8th May, per s.s. *City of Baroda*, for six months' summer leave in Sunny Devon.

We have had a deluge of sport during the month of May. The Patterson Park Club were at home to us in their grounds, and, although we were represented by a goodly number of shining lights in the local tennis world, we were very easily subdued by the keenness of our opponents who, be it said, were in the majority of instances enthusiasts from the junior ranks of the Battalion. We were very much indebted to the Rev. Douglas and his committee of Fusiliers for a very pleasant time.

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Later in the month we were entertained in the grounds of the Station Institute. We were this time narrowly beaten in both tennis and billiards, but the extreme closeness of the games left us room for satisfaction.

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Our teams were very representative and included one or two dark horses who showed up well considering the stress of the occasion and their graduation in the sporting world.

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We were represented by :—*Tennis*, W.O. Murdoch, R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, C.S.M. Beck, C.Q.M.S. Pollard, C.Q.M.S. Ward, Sgts. Fellows, Jones, Heron, Moran, Wood ; *Billiards*, R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, C.S.M. Hodsell, C.S.M. Beck, C.Q.M.S. Goodfellow, Sgts. Pearson and Moran.

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Several members indulged in a round of shuttlecock in spare moments, but none seemed to fit in quite well except " Tiffy," who revelled with his little bat and was daintiness personified.

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Our thanks are due to Mr. Eloy, the members of the Station Institute, and their good ladies, for a very hospitable time.

"D" Company, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers (Capt. E. H. Baxter's Company), Champion Company, 1925–26.
St. George's Day Group.

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At hockey we drew with the local Native Police on their ground, 0—0, and defeated the Station side on our own ground, 1—0.

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Our numbers are getting somewhat thin again, the exodus to the Hills having already started. The following members have now left for periods of leave :—Sgt.-Dmr. Brace, Sgt. Parkin, Sgt. Hunter.

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Telegrams were received from the 1st Bn. and Depôt extending greetings on St. George's Day.

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Our troubles are never over—what next !

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A certain member with a delicate taste for ice delicacies complained of the meagre issue at tiffin. Accordingly the next day, the bearer, to ensure his position and to satisfy himself that the appetite of this member was served in full, sallied forth with the "ice mayonaise" mounted in Everest-like fashion upon a soup plate.

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Even then there was cause for complaint, as the native cook had inadvertently placed the soup plate in the hot case before use.

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An effort is now being made to "sack" the cook.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd June, 1926.

We have returned to our normal quiet life with a vengeance, and there seems to be nothing whatever to record. Our quarterly boxing meeting was held last week, and first quarterly Athletic meeting of the summer took place on the 21st. The results are given below.

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One of the many unpleasant consequences of the strike is that the Camp of the 149th Infantry Brigade has been cancelled, and so the services of the Training Cadre, much to their regret, are not required. However, the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant, and the Training Cadre are to form the Headquarters of a Battalion in the Public Schools O.T.C. Camp to be held at Strensall on 27th July.

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"Race Week" is upon us once again, with its Temperance Festival, and demands from the City for Military Sports. The Gunners bear most of the burden, the city very frankly stating that more glamour surrounds the horse than the foot soldier. (It is not for us to remind them of the magnificent rescue of the missionary and his wife from hungry cannibals, which we effected last year.) Our January Squad and their opposite numbers in the Durham Light Infantry carry out a combined drill display. Two Squads, under Q.M.S.I. Brown, give a Physical Training Demonstration and a few of us ReveilleRace or Sack Race to make a Pitman's holiday, and then we leave the arena to the Gunners, with their excellent drive, tent-pegging, mounted physical training, and other events.

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We were glad to have the opportunity of welcoming Air-Commodore Bonham Carter when he flew here last month on an inspection of the aerial communications during the strike. Unlike his last visit to the Regiment, on Christmas Day, 1921, when the 1st Battalion was at Carlow, he was able to visit us personally, instead of just dropping us a message. We were glad to see him so well, and to find that he is still so much of a Fusilier that he can find about nine things wrong with a Regimental drum in as many seconds.

RESULTS OF SPORTS FOR ATHLETICS SHIELD.

100 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Jackson (December Squad), 5 pts. (11 4/5 *secs.*) ; 2, Fus. Trainer (May Squad), 3 pts. ; 3rd, Fus. Dodds (April Squad), 1 pt.

220 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Jackson (December Squad), 5 pts. (27 2/5 *secs.*) ; 2, Fus. Trainer (May Squad), 3 pts. ; 3, Fus. Dodds (April Squad), 1 pt.

High Jump.—1, Fus. Jackson (Dec. Squad), 5 pts. (4 *ft.* 7 *ins.*) ; tie for 2nd, Fus. Leach (Dec. Squad), Fus. Brown (Jan. Squad), Fus. Johnson (May Squad), 2 pts. each (4 *ft.* 6 *ins.*).

Mile Relay.—1, December Squad, 10 pts. ; 2, January Squad, 5 pts. ; 3, April Squad, 2 pts.

Half-Mile Team.—1, December Squad, 10 pts. ; 2, January Squad, 5 pts. ; 3, April Squad, 2 pts.

One Mile Team.—1, May Squad, 10 pts. ; 2, December Squad, 5 pts. ; 3, April Squad, 2 pts.

Points.—December Squad 42
May Squad 18
January Squad 12
April Squad 8

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS INTER-SQUAD BOXING TOURNAMENT, 10TH JUNE, 1926.

	Semi-Final.	*Final.*
112 *lbs. to* 120 *lbs.*		
Fus. Tomlinson (Jan.) / Fus. Donaldson (Jan.)	Tomlinson	
		Fus. Brown.
Fus. Brown (Jan.) / Fus. Wilson (sick) (Jan.)	Brown	
120 *lbs. to* 130 *lbs.*		
Fus. Parker (April) / Fus. Ford (Jan.)	Parker	
		Fus. Mason.
Fus. Mason (April) / Fus. Trewhitt (May)	Mason	
130 *lbs. to* 140 *lbs.*		
Fus. Matthews (Jan.) / Fus. Johnson (May)	Johnson	
		Johnson
Fus. Spowart (May) / Fus. Smith (Jan.)	Spowart	
140 *lbs. to* 150 *lbs.*		
Fus. Robinson (Jan.) / Fus. Larkman (April)	Larkman	
		Larkman
Fus. G. Rogers (April) / Fus. Turnbull (April)	Turnbull	

Points to date—May 73 ; Jan. 68, April 55.

Best Loser's Prize.—Fus. Seymour.

Boys.—107 *lbs.*—Boy Tradewell *versus* Boy Dowdell. *Winner*, Dowdell.

Final Points.—May Squad, 81 ; January Squad, 74 ; April Squad, 70.

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
23rd June, 1926.

Annual Training at Catterick has now definitely been cancelled. Company Week-end Camps will be held during July at Allendale, and it is hoped by this means to make up in some small degree for the loss of our annual fortnight's serious training.

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A Week-end Camp was held on 12th/13th June for "Y" and "Z" Coys. and the M.G. Platoon. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the troops were quartered in the Drill Hall at Hexham, instead of proceeding to Allendale. Some useful platoon training was carried out at Highwood and on the Tyne Green, and the M.G. Platoon went over to Allendale on the Sunday to fire Part III. of the M.G. Course.

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The C.O. visited the Companies at training on the Sunday,

and the Brigade-Commander also paid the M.G. Platoon a visit at Allendale.

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Whenever a Camp is arranged to take place at Allendale, we seem doomed to bad weather.

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Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., from the 2nd Battalion, has been selected to succeed Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., as Adjutant of the Battalion on the termination of the latter's appointment in September.

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We regret to say that Messrs. Anderson and Fleming have applied to resign their Commissions, owing to private affairs which will not allow of their devoting the necessary time to their military duties. We shall be very sorry to have to say "Good-bye," and hope that they will continue to keep in touch with the Battalion.

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The Coal Strike continues, and in consequence the majority of the Battalion are without employment. Everyone hopes that by the time these notes are printed a settlement, satisfactory to both sides, will have been completed.

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"At the moment of writing we are in the midst of Newcastle Race Week," with which departing words the 4th Bn. correspondent leapt into his coach and sped with all haste to Gosforth Park, where we leave him distributing his hard-earned pay and allowances to the needy members of "all the sporting clubs."

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

On 12th June we imagined our long-postponed Week-end Camp at Allendale was going to take place. Unfortunately, as is often the case when Allendale is concerned, the weather was all against us. Mere rain would not have been so bad, but a downpour together with fog was quite another proposition.

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No doubt with memories of 1924, the powers-that-be halted us in Hexham, and we billeted ourselves in our Drill Hall there, having as guests portions of "Y" Coy. and portions of the M.G. Platoon.

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Of course, Sunday, 13th June, was a fine hot day, and although unable to do any firing we carried out some very useful tactical training on the High Wood Range and ground adjacent thereto.

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Now that one knows there will be no camp this year, and one is fully resigned to this fate, one begins to wonder what will happen about the Champion Company Cup. As things are at the moment, "X" Coy. have it; had we gone to camp as arranged they would have absolutely lost it by now.

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Anyhow we believe in closely studying the methods of our betters (?), and to that end are devoting much time to observing and noting O.C. "X" Coy. from all angles.

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We had a little bother the other day. Some person (or persons) unknown did feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought break into and enter the Sergeants' Mess. We hope they enjoyed it; at any rate we feel that the amount of labour involved was hardly worth the gain, and that's that.

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We suppose that when we do start musketry again (as we attempted to do 12th/13th June) it will start to rain, and perhaps snow. It is very strange that when we are not doing anything it is fine, and as soon as we become active the weather changes.

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(No doubt certain friends of ours at Newburn could readily suggest reasons for this.)

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

It is very difficult to write notes when nothing is happening worthy of comments, but we can at least bemoan the final decision that camp is "off."

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To keep ourselves in touch with matters military, we are seriously considering the introduction of various tests under the disguise of competitions for which prizes might be awarded.

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We are very sorry to learn that Mr. A. S. Todd is leaving us shortly, to go to foreign lands and try his luck at cattle ranching. We wish him the best of luck, and hope that from time to time we may hear of his cowboy fame.

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At present Mr. Todd is undergoing his initial course at the Depôt.

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When next "X" Coy. proceeds to camp, it will have lost a valuable asset for gaining Championship Company points in Mr. Todd.

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"X" Coy. has also suffered the loss of Sergt. F. Lippett, who has gone to reside in another district. He will be greatly missed, having attended every camp since joining in 1912.

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Cpls. Calligan and Graham, of "W" Coy., and Cpl. Armstrong of "X" Coy. have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

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They have our congratulations.

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We trust that this month's sketch will not offend anyone's sense of the fitness of things, but really the exigencies of the strike service could not be allowed to pass without caricatured comment.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Nothing exciting has happened during the past month, all now being quiet on the Newburn-Throckley front.

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We are pleased to welcome to the Mess, Sergts. J. T. Calligan and W. Graham, on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; they will, we know, uphold the traditions of the Mess.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
June, 1926.

The worst has happened! No camp this year. We heard rumours of this blow some weeks ago, but "hope lies ever dormant in the human breast," or words to that effect, so we continued hoping; but now our hopes are dead, and we know the worst. Week-end camps are being substituted—a remarkably poor substitute, but there it is, and we must make the best of it.

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We successfully drowned our sorrows for forty-eight hours or more at Rothbury on the 12th and 13th June, where we carried out a Tactical Exercise for Officers. The first day we all got wet through, and were finally driven indoors, where we proceeded to drive the water out again by the simple tactical principle of counter-attacking with stronger forces; in fact, there were two counter-attacks, the immediate which took place on arrival indoors, followed by the deliberate which was launched immediately after the immediate and was sustained until the early hours of the next morning. The next morning we once again repaired to the heights round Rothbury, and were blessed with glorious weather and completed the scheme by tea-time.

One Officer has been discovered who will probably make a future Quartermaster-General, his knowledge of food supplies being really phenominal. The following Questions and Answers will illustrate this:—

Question 1.—How would you carry out this counter-attack!

Answer 1.—I should first see that all the men had been fed.

Question 2.—What steps would you expect your section commanders to have taken on taking up this defensive position?

Answer 2.—See that his men get fed.

Question 3.—Your Company has been detailed to take up a position as Battalion Reserve to the defensive position. State, in proper sequence, the steps you would take to occupy this position.

Answer 3.—I should first proceed to the nearest house and find out what food there was in it. I should then requisition same, send for a working party to remove it, at the same time warning the Company cooks to prepare fires, etc. The food would then be cooked and issued to the men before moving off to occupy their position, which latter I should reconnoitre after I had inspected the men's food and fed myself and my Officers.

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This Officer's name has been submitted to the Board of Trade with a view to employment with Food Commissions.

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Mr. Vardy, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Giles are undergoing their 24-day Initial Course at the Depôt, and seem to be thoroughly enjoying themselves, in spite of, or because of, being up at 6.30 a.m. daily for riding instruction, followed by P.T. from 8.30 to 9.30 a.m., after which they begin their instruction in more technical military matters.

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We have to record, and regret the resignation of Mr. Worters. This Officer joined the Battalion in January, 1922, and has throughout his service with the Battalion set a high example of conscientious regard for duty, coupled with efficiency and popularity. He will be a great loss. We wish him the very

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best of luck, and hope to often see him at the various functions of the Battalion in future.

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The Commanding Officer, not content with being recently attached to the 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. at Dover recently, is off on the 21st June for a Senior Officer's course at Hythe for a week.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

24th June, 1926.

Since our last notes the only item of importance has been the Tactical Week-end Exercise for Platoon Commanders. This took place on 28th/29th May, and was attended by 6 Officers and 18 N.C.O.'s, chiefly Sergeants. The arrangements for this were carried out by the Adjutant.

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The object aimed at was to teach Platoon Commanders how to teach definite lessons to their commands. The exercise was carried out at Moor Laws. Accommodation for the night of 28th May was provided at the Star Hotel, Alnwick.

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Now that it has been definitely decided that there will not be any annual training in camp, arrangements are well forward for the holding of Week-end Camps. According to present arrangements it is hoped to hold a series of five Week-end Camps—one for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and one for each company. The first of these is scheduled to take place 24th/25th July.

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The camps will all be held at Moor Laws, Alnwick.

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The following promotion has been made during the month :—*To be Corporal*, 7811438 Fus. J. Skelly, H.Q. Wing (dated 9th April, 1926).

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We are pleased to welcome the following gentlemen to the Battalion, and congratulate them on their appointment to commission :—J. F. Simpson, W. S. Sanderson, S. H. Gallon, and D. W. Moscrop.

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One other gentleman, Mr. J. E. Fawcus, is awaiting *Gazette*.

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It is hoped that the Battalion will be in a position to recommence musketry shortly. This important item of training has been suspended since the strike commenced.

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The Section Commanders' Class and the Class for Officers are still going strong.

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A Signalling Class is also in progress at Morpeth.

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Congratulations to the Football team of " D " Co. on reaching the third round of the Berwick Infirmary Cup.

BERWICK DETACHMENTS NOTES.

Owing to the restrictions imposed by higher authority during the present strike period, training has been greatly handicapped. It is pleasing to be able to report that the class for Section Leaders is carrying on, regardless of such handicap.

The news of the cancellation of the Annual Training in camp has been received here with great regret.

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It is rumoured that Headquarters are preparing a series of Week-end Camps to be held later. Should they materialise it is expected that a good attendance will be registered from this detachment.

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The football team, who had earlier in the season entered for the Berwick Infirmary Cup, have had to admit defeat in the third round of the competition. In the first round they were successful in drawing a bye.

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In the second round they met L. and N.E.R. (Tweedmouth) team. This match resulted in a tie of 1 goal each. In the replay, the Company team, after a gruelling game, ran out winners by 2 goals to nil. The game throughout was fast, and only superior ball control on the part of our representatives gained the day. The railway team were much heavier and taller. Much credit is due to the Company team for their success in this round.

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In the third round they were drawn against Spittal Rovers. The latter are a very clever team. They are the holders of many Cups, etc., and all through the season they operated in the North Northumberland League. The fact that they could only beat our representatives by 1 goal to nil, speaks well for the composition and calibre of our team. It is only on rare occasions that our team can play together. This defect, however, will, it is hoped, be overcome before the Commencement of the next football season.

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Two Officers and 4 N.C.O.'s attended the Platoon Commander's Week-end Exercise at Moor Laws, Alnwick, on 28th and 29th May.

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They are unanimous in the opinion that it was well worth while, and that the instruction given was just what was wanted. The interest was well maintained throughout the period they were assembled.

Editorial Notes.

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REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Regimental Dinner Club was held on 3rd June, at the Grand Hotel, London. Owing, no doubt, to the industrial situation generally, and more particularly to the emergency move of the 1st Bn. from Ballykinlar to Glasgow, the attendance was not very great, only 42 officers being present. Their names are appended as follows :—

Major-General Sir Percival S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B.
Brig.-General B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G.
Brig.-General G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.
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Major W. M. Allan, O.B.E.
Major T. J. Carroll-Juby, D.S.O., M.C.
Major A. P. Garnier, M.B.E., M.C.
Major S. S. Flower, O.B.E.
Major O. B. Foster, M.C.
Major H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C.
Major H. C. Stephen.
Major B. T. St. John.
Major J. A. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O.
Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E.
Capt. C. H. Cooper, M.C.
Capt. E. E. Dorman-Smith, M.C.
Capt. J. D. Fenwick, M.C.
Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C.
Lieut. P. N. Hart.
Lieut. G. C. Humphreys.
Lieut. H. A. Ingledew.
Lieut. B. D. Tarleton.

Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th June, 1926.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st April and 30th June, as follows :—

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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

ARMY PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS.

MILITARY HISTORY.

WAR OFFICE,
18th June, 1926.

For the examinations of officers for promotion to be held in March and October, 1927, and in March, 1928, papers on Military History will comprise the Campaign of the British Army in Mesopotamia, 1916–17, up to 30th April, 1917. This period is covered by "The Campaign in Mesopotamia," by Brig.-Gen. F. J. Moberly, C.B., C.S.I., D.S.O., in Vol. III. of the Official History of the War.

RETIREMENT OF SECONDED OFFICERS.

WAR OFFICE,
16th June, 1926.

An amendment of the Army Pay Warrant provides that an officer, except an officer of the Royal Engineers, who has been seconded or loaned for military, quasi-military or civilian service not remunerated from Army funds, or an officer of the Malta Artillery seconded on appointment as a Minister in Malta, will retire from the Army, if he does not return to his regiment, corps or department on the expiration of the period of absence sanctioned by the Army Council, and may be granted the rate of retired pay or gratuity to which he would be entitled if retiring voluntarily. Similarly an officer, on appointment to a civil post, will retire unless he is placed or retained on the half-pay list under the existing conditions as to appointments of a temporary nature, but he may retire at any time while on the half-pay list and draw the retired pay or gratuity (if any) to which his service entitled him.

SPORT IN THE FIGHTING SERVICES.

JUNE, 1926.

CRICKET.

ARMY *v.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

At Cambridge. The University won by 5 wickets. Scores: Cambridge, 142 and 139 for 5; Army, 126 (Major C. Tudor, 41) and 154 (Capt. A. Wilkinson, 34).

L. Irvine, the Cambridge slow leg-break bowler, had a large share in the success of his side. The Army, with all their second innings wickets in hand, held a lead of 28 when play was resumed, but they could only manage to increase the overnight total from 44 to 154. With the exception of their opening batsmen, the Light Blues showed little ability, particularly against Mr. Melsome, who took 3 wickets for 35 in the second innings, and in the match 8 for 73.

ARMY *v.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

At Oxford. Match drawn. Scores: Army, 199 (Capt. Wilkinson, 103) and 126 for 7 (Capt. Wilkinson, 45, and Capt. J. Carr, 46); Oxford, 324.

Mr. Melsome bore the brunt of the attack, his 8 for 193 in 39 overs and on a batsman's wicket being a most praiseworthy performance.

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ATHLETICS.

Army Individual Championships.

At Aldershot.

Cpl. Cotterell (R.C. of S.) added to his long list of successes by retaining his titles in the Three Miles, breaking his own Army record of 14 mins. 40 1/5 secs. by 6 2/5 secs. He also annexed the Mile in 4 mins. 29 4/5 secs., only 2 secs. outside his own Army record for this distance.

In the High Jump, 2nd-Lieut. H. Norman (2nd Coldstream Guards) won with a record leap of 5 ft. 10 ins., which beat the previous Army best by half an inch. The holder, Lce.-Cpl. Murphey, was unplaced, and other title-holders to lose were Lce.-Cpl. Jones in the 100 Yards to Lce.-Sgt. Reed, and Lce.-Cpl. Cole in the 120 Yards Hurdles to Lieut. O. Tudor. Lieut. K. Jefferson retained his title in the Discus event, and Sergt. Davenport was again successful in the Javelin Throw.

Lieut. C. Beckwith (Northd. Fus.) recorded 41 ft. 2 ins. in Putting the Weight, Fus. W. Hey (1st Lan. Fus.) 9 ft. 9 ins. in the Pole Jump, Spr. McCarthy (T.B.R.E.) 21 ft. 3 ins. in the Long Jump, and S.N.S.I. A. Hughes (A.P.T.S.) 99 ft. 9 ins. in Throwing the Hammer.

The all-round prowess of a number of the competitors was a very gratifying sign in these days of the specialist. Even more gratifying was the continued standard of improvement as evinced in the time recorded in the eliminating heats, and there is not the slightest doubt that to-day Service athletes stand on a higher national plane than at any other period in the past.

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THE N.A.A.F.I.

By the Editor.

Recently we were invited by the Management of the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes, more familiarly known as the N.A.A.F.I., to pay them a visit of inspection, and in conjunction with a number of other Editors of Regimental Journals, we proceeded to Imperial Court, Kennington Lane, which imposing building (the front doorsteps of which are shown in accompanying photograph) houses the offices of the N.A.A.F.I.

It is as well that serving soldiers should know something of the history of the N.A.A.F.I., and we obtained and publish below a precis of a short and interesting lecture on Canteen History, which Col. Benson, the Head of the Institutes, gave to the assembled Editors.

First, however, we must state that we were very much impressed with the factories, over which we were conducted, and by the thought that it all belongs to the serving soldier himself. We saw every kind of commodity being turned out by most up-to-date machinery, from Orderly Sergeants' Reports to sponge cakes, and all this has been bought with the proceeds of the residue of War Canteen Stock, and the management is controlled by services.

But we need not digress further, else the reader, having got so far, will cry "Hold! enough!" and will miss the appended historical essay on Canteens, which would be a pity.

The Canteen—Past and Present.

In olden times the various auxiliary services required by an army in the field were not organised, nor were those who conducted them subject to any military discipline beyond the liability to be summarily hanged if they got in the way, turned traitor, or otherwise drew the irascible attention of commanders. Under the general heading of "camp followers," a miscellaneous throng of private persons followed the march of an army in war, and some idea of the numbers of these may be had from the fact that the appearance of the Scots following on the brow of the hill at Bannockburn gave the impression of heavy reinforcements and disheartened the English so much that they were routed. If even a frugal Scots army had so many camp-followers, how many must a force have had which lived less exclusively on oatmeal!

Kings and others preparing for their favourite pastime of war seem to have given very little thought to the question of supplementary victualling—what would now be called "canteen" facilities—probably because there was never any lack of people ready and anxious to be licensed to what was always a profitable, if a somewhat hazardous form of trade. Thus in Shakespeare's *Henry V.* we see the braggart Pistol about to take the field as a sutler, and hear him promising Nym, another bad character to whom Pistol owes money, that *now* he will pay him more than the amount of the debt. Nym, incidentally, was a corporal, and Pistol reminds him that a corporal working in with a sutler is a money-making combination! Doubtless it was. . . . It remained so until within living memory.

The year 1863 marks the first definite step forward in canteen organisation. The pedlars and hawkers who were licensed to enter barrack premises and set up shop there, had at last exhausted the almost infinite patience of their victims. A revolt against their extortions had taken place on a scale which authority could not altogether ignore, and it was decided to abolish the system they stood for in favour of what came to to known as the "Regimental System" of Canteens.

Now, the "Regimental" system, in cases where a Commanding Officer happened to be able to find the right steward, may have had certain entirely parochial advantages—which, however, were outweighed by the many and inherent disadvantages. It was hardly to be expected that soldiers or ex-soldiers who were also expert grocers would be often forthcoming; and, when such a desirable *factotum* might be obtained, there was in the nature of things every possibility that he would begin to make something for himself out of a business which was subject to no shrewd commercial control. Buying had to be conducted on a small and uneconomic scale, and was necessarily damagingly competitive; and, what is more, the system diverted a large number of men from their proper duties as soldiers. Little by little, too, most of the malpractices which had existed in the old sutler and hawker days crept into the Regimental system, as is attested by the fact that an N.C.O. who was promoted to Pay-Sergeant, an office for which a deposit of £100 was at one time required, was often appointed for a term to the stewardship of the canteen, to enable him to raise the money.

Notwithstanding all this, no other means of conducting the canteens existed until the year 1894, when the Canteen and Mess Co-operative Society was started. This society was formed as a wholesale trading organisation, paying a maximum dividend of 5% to its shareholders, and devoting all other profits to the Units which it served. Here, undoubtedly, was a step in the right direction, but it was far from universally carried out, so that in 1899, though Commanding Officers were authorised in that year to let their canteens to a tenant contractor, the troops embarked for the South African War with

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no adequate means of providing canteen supplies in the field. None of the systems yet devised was capable of coping with the emergency of war. The South African campaign soon made the necessity for a canteen service apparent, and Sir Redvers Buller organised in Natal his Field Force Canteens (afterwards the South African Garrison Institutes), whereof the principle was the modern one of the Services serving themselves through a trading incorporation of themselves, and receiving the surpluses back again in rebate and discount.

With this example before them, it is perhaps a little astonishing that the Royal Commission which considered the canteen problem after the Boer War should have adhered to nothing more satisfactory than the "Tenant" system, which simply amounted to substituting an outside firm of traders for the old canteen-steward. Though it was suggested by various Commissions that the best solution of the whole question would be some form of registered soldiers' co-operative society, the interested opposition was too strong for this very tentative proposal; and the Tenant System was duly adopted. With certain modifications, such as the limiting of contract to the larger firms of military contractors (the benefits of which may be judged, in one instance at least, from the famous "Canteen Scandal" of 1914), this system—known as the "Revised Tenant" system—was still in force at the outbreak of the European War.

Then, of course, it failed, as it was bound to do in such an emergency. And so, fortunately, did successful obstruction of sounder principles! The need grew ever more urgent on ever-extending fronts, and approximately the system which Buller had formerly improvised in Natal was now again embodied in a war-time organisation known as the Expeditionary Force Canteens. The same system was shortly afterwards applied to Home Areas and in Egypt, by an organisation known (after the joining in of the Royal Navy) as the Navy and Army Canteen Board. These organisations, working hand in hand in both the fighting and the training areas, comforted and heartened the immense armies of the war. They were financed partly by credits from the South African Garrison Institutes,

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but mainly by Treasury Overdrafts, which were speedily paid off.

The Expeditionary Force Canteens was purely a war-time organisation, and as such was wound up at the termination of hostilities. Its work was taken over by the N.A.C.B., and this organisation remained in being pending consideration of the principles involved.

In March, 1920, a Committee was appointed to consider the matter, and after hearing in full the views of civil traders, this Committee pronounced in favour of henceforth conducting the canteens of the three Services through a central, co-operative, profit-sharing organisation, to be controlled by a Board consisting partly of serving officers and partly of civilian business men. This joint organisation, which embodies the principle of a Service partnership, came into being on the 1st January, 1921, under the name of the Corporation of Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, and it took over the final liquidation of the war-time organisations, whereof the ascertained profits were distributed to the United Services Fund, the Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry and the Colonial Forces, in proportion to the rights of each—this settlement being effected by a special Act of Parliament, entitled the War Canteens (Disposal of Profits) Act, 1922.

The N.A.A.F.I., as it exists and functions to-day, is the outcome of experience gained over half a century and in the greatest war of history. It is organised in such a way as to form an integral part of the Services themselves. It has eliminated once and for all the troublesome and dangerous element of private gain on military transactions, for it has no shareholders either among members of the Services or among civilians. It is controlled by the Services themselves through its Council and through the Service representatives on the Board of Management, and it keeps in the closest touch with the needs of the individual Service man through the medium of Institute Committees. Nobody has any private interest in its finances. As a business corporation it is able to employ expert buyers in all branches of trade, and these owing to that Service partnership in the one business which has got rid of damaging competition, are able to buy always to the best advantage, in the best market, wherever that is to be found. By this means the Corporation is able to offer goods of the best quality at prices competing with those prevailing elsewhere, and still to provide substantial rebate and discount even when the remote position of a particular institute renders it a far from profitable undertaking. For the rest, the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes aims at creating a *reserve* which shall make the service of the Services—and the benefits of rebate and discount it is already in a position to offer—safe for all time and in any emergency; and, after this reserve has been created, it will return all surplus to the Services in such form or forms as sound commercial principles and the general wishes of Service men may decide.

Much, indeed, has already been done. The re-furnishing of Institutes in all parts of the world, at a cost to date of over £140,000, may serve as an example. Increased rates of rebate and discount, involving the distribution in 1926 of £60,000, is another instance. And yet there are people who profess to wonder where the profits go! There are people who advocate price-cutting, and other such schemes, all of which are, and must always be, economically unsound.

Again, the N.A.A.F.I. is said by some to have a monopoly. But what does this monopoly exactly mean? It means a monopoly of the use of *certain premises, not* a monopoly of Service custom, except where those articles are concerned which are obtained out of the Commuted Ration Allowance. To set against this is the fact that the Corporation is strictly limited to dealing with the Services, so that, even if it does monopolise certain premises, it has to contend against limitations which are not imposed on the ordinary commercial undertaking.

The N.A.A.F.I., it may usefully be emphasised, is entirely dependent on Service support. And, taking into consideration what it has already achieved in its five years of existence—taking into consideration that it is controlled by the Services and conducted with the single aim of serving the Services, that all elements of outside interest and gain have been eliminated, and that it continually studies how to expand and develop the advantages it can offer the Services—is it not worth the helpful sympathy and loyal co-operation of every individual serving member of the Services? But, unhappily, there is at present a great deal of prejudice and ignorance regarding the constitution of the Corporation and the scope of its activities.

There are, for example, the prejudicial opinions of those persons who used at one time to make something both for themselves and their shareholders, either legitimately or otherwise, under the older systems; and there is the ignorance and suspicion of those who imagine that the abuses of the past are all still to be found in the workings of the Corporation. These last are often Service men, and they feel sure that the members of the Council are large shareholders taking a big slice of the profits! . . . They will not believe (what could so easily be verified) that there are *no shareholders at all* in the business. Again, these same people, knowing nothing what-

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ever about big business policy, are quite sure that the business is extravagantly run.

But that these ideas exist is not after all very surprising. The history of the past where these matters are concerned is not reassuring; a certain degree of suspicion is not unnatural, a measure of prejudice is inevitable. What the N.A.A.F.I. particularly invites is *careful inquiry into the facts*—for which facilities will always be gladly given. The facts, if careful inquiry is made into them, will show a steady achievement of progress towards an ever fuller measure of complete success—a progress which, if it be accorded adequate support, co-operation and goodwill, must certainly continue and be accelerated, to the advantage, not only of the Services generally, but of every individual Service man.

TRAINING FOR RUNNING.

By A. R. Horwood, F.L.S.

(late of Leicester Museum).

The Need for Specialisation.

In athletic exercises to-day, as indeed in everything else, there is a great need for a certain amount of specialisation. This means, in a word, concentration on a single purpose. To be an all-round athlete is perhaps the goal of every man who starts out on an athletic career, but in order to secure real success he soon finds out that he must have a more definite aim, and confine his efforts to a certain form of athletics in order to excel. This is the case with *running* in a special degree. Running means being able to cover a certain distance at the highest possible speed compatible with the distance. And no two men are exactly alike as regards their pace, and their staying power—the two great qualities in running. Some men can keep up a fast pace over a short distance, but cannot keep it up for a longer race. Others are unable to extend themselves until they have run a longer distance and their qualities are not those of the fast runner, but of the stayer.

There is, in fact, a kind of logical division of distances for those with different degrees of pace or varying powers of staying. There are no hard and fast rules for the limiting of a man's staying power or pace. But the sprinter can seldom stay the pace at a race over 300 yds. The man who excels at the ¼ mile is out of the running as a rule in the 1,000 yds. The longer the distance, however, the more equal are the qualities of the runner. After a certain distance, say 300 yds., it is not pace so much that counts, as wind or staying power, and so the ¼ mile runner may be as good at the long distance at races over the 1 mile.

Running Events.

Flat racing as opposed to steeple-chasing or cross-country running comprises three different classes of running. In the first place comes the short race or sprint from 100 yds. to 300 yds., or if you like the ¼ mile. In each case it means running at top pace or sprinting the whole distance. The improvement in the track on athletic grounds by the introduction of cinder tracks has enabled the ¼ mile to be run at a sprinting pace. It has of late years been run in 47 secs., whereas on a grass track the time is seldom under 55 secs., making it come into the middle distance race category.

The middle distance races include all the races above the ¼ mile, or including it up to races under a mile, such as the 600 yds., the half mile, the thousand yds. and ¾ mile, 1,320 yds. In this case the training and method of running differs markedly from that of the sprinter.

Long distance races include the mile or 1,760 yds., and all races above that, such as the 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 up to 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 miles. The time for 50 miles is less than 6½ hours.

The Sprint Race.

To sprint means to run at top speed or full burst. Such sprint races are more generally well filled up with entries than other races, and are also highly popular. Many sprinters are in training, but there are a disproportionate number of really fine performers, or record breakers. The record for the 100 yds. still stands to the credit of I. Donaldson, 9 3/8ths secs., run at Johannesburg in 1910.

In contrast to other forms of excellence the sprinter is made, not born. He seldom comes to perfection until after some practice. Sprinting is not the making of long strides, but the rapid execution of a series of quick strides from the hip. This hip stride is obtained by long practice and running short bursts as often as possible, never so far as the length of the race itself before the day of contest. The stride, with practice, lengthens and pace therewith increases, and the effort required is less as few strides to the 100 yds. are run. It is an advantage for short distance to be big in the thighs and strong backed, for it is a question of running "all out" the whole distance. The best pace you are capable of must be sustained the whole way. In this way it is important to be in good form. A sprinter should practice short bursts of 30 to 40 yds., striding from the hips, in order to increase pace, and then longer bursts of 60–70 yds., never the full distance. The sprinter should run perfectly straight—this is facilitated by the lining off of each competitor in a final in the sprint races, which are run on the straight.

Of vital importance is the obtaining of a good start. To this end the start should be practised as well as the race. Formerly the sprinter started on his toes with his right foot 7–8 ins. behind the left to be able to get into stride at once. It is now general to start on all fours, with both hands on the starting line—a hand spring start. The sprinter leans forward with his hands on the scratch line, and gets a grip on the ground with his hands and left foot which is clad in spiked running shoes, and the right foot similarly grips the ground well about 30 ins. behind the left foot and hands. By this method of starting there is little danger of breaking away and false starts are less frequent.

The muscles of the sprinter should be hardened by various exercises without becoming stiff. Rubbing of the back and legs helps to remove stiffness, and most sprinters just before their race run a short distance to warm the muscles preparatory to their great effort.

The Middle Distance.

Some men who can do the 100 yds. in 9 secs and the 120 yds. under 12 secs., though primarily sprinters, may be able to manage to get home on the ¼ mile under 50 secs. if they have the necessary wind. But for races over that, the ½ and ¾ mile, the sprinter is usually out of it, for the middle distance runs are run by men whose condition is perfect, and who have instead of pace good wind and strong muscles. The ¼ mile race is one which needs careful training and some little experience in the effort, which enables the runner the better to judge when to put on the final effort, how long to hold back. The middle distance runner trains differently, as he is lighter and

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more capable of sustained effort. When in condition he must train for speed. Some sprinters can just manage the ¼ mile, but what they need is extra staying power. Good walking exercise hardens the legs and back and helps towards this end. Other exercises that develop this are rowing and lawn tennis. On the other hand, the middle distance runner can improve his powers by practising the 600 yds. and the ½ mile. The ¼ mile can be practised several times before the race. The 600 yds. race is hardly a race for the sprinter. It is more within the scope of those capable of staying the ½ or the ¾ mile. Those who can manage either of the latter should have a pace maker, or should be timed over the first half of the distance.

For the ½ mile a good plan is to run the 600 yds. one day at a steady trot, and increase the pace gradually, the next day at a faster pace, so gradually increase muscle and improve the staying power. The ½ mile is under a two-minutes' race. It requires staying power, muscle, judgment and sprinting. The ½ mile is the main test of those who specialise on middle distance races. The ½ miler must run to time and put on speed during the first quarter of a mile. The first quarter should be done under a minute. Frequent practice of the ¼ mile and 600 yds. is a good training for this race, and then the full ½ mile, starting slowly and increasing the pace. Practice in sprinting also should be included. The crux of the problem is to get the first half of the race over in quick time, but without too great an effort, and a pace maker is needed for this purpose.

Those who run the ½ mile can usually manage the 1,000 yds. The ¾ mile is a good race for the mile race and some ½ milers. As a rule it is an easier race for the former.

Middle distance runners need not go on short commons to get fit, but can take plenty of ordinary food, such as all kinds of meat, vegetables, and milk puddings. Pastry, potatoes, sweets should be avoided.

Long Distances.

For those races of a mile and upwards there is need for stiffer training than for the middle distances. The runners for these races are usually on the light side. They are suitable for men of stamina. The full distance is seldom run. Training lasts from a month to six weeks, becoming severer each week, to increase muscle and wind. The athlete training for the mile race may take the following as a suitable training for a week. First, two-thirds of a mile run at a steady pace. Half a mile the second day; slow mile on the third day; fast half mile the fourth day; 600 yds. at a fast but steady pace on the fifth day; a fast ¾ mile on the sixth day; and on the seventh a brisk walk of 6–10 miles, with a good rub down afterwards.

It is important to get down the weight and to train for long distances. Power of endurance and staying power are the criteria for success. A mile runner should be trained to be able to do a four mile or a ten mile race. Good practice for the longer races as for cross-country work is the paper chase. It is essential for the long distance runner to have a pace maker or run to time. It is better to train slowly and steadily, than to endeavour to run off such races by quick training, which is usually inadequate and deceptive. The pure mile runner should be a fast runner, the first quarter being run under a minute, the first half is just under the two minutes. Steady training, plenty of work, and regular diet are the steps by which the long distance runner marches to success.

Training.

Next to getting fit for a race by the methods suggested, the running athlete's training must also include a proper method of ordinary living, which entails due moderation in food, sleep and exercise. Regular living and moderation have much to do with success. For exercise there is nothing better than walking, as this increases chest expansion and muscular development. Walk on the flat and increase the hill work gradually. Walking helps to keep down fat.

Habits should be regulated in some such way as this. A good maxim is "Early to bed, and early to rise." The body is at the highest vitality from 6–12 a.m., at its lowest 12 p.m. to 5 a.m. Rise at 7 a.m., after a bath have a run in flannels and rub down afterwards. Breakfast at 8 o'clock, and then rest half an hour. Devote the morning to the training in hand or exercise. Lunch at 11.30, and rest half an hour, then take a fresh spell of training or exercise. Finish up with a good brisk walk, and retire at 10.30.

Food should be taken regularly. Three meals a day is enough. After a bath take a biscuit and half a glass of milk before the run. For breakfast porridge, meat and an egg, stewed fruit and toast and marmalade. Avoid bacon, ham, hot rolls. Cold toast should take place of bread. For variety fish may take the place of meat, but not salt fish. If a man eats dinner at night, at lunch he may eat cold meat with green vegetables or artichokes, sweets, milk pudding with stewed fruits, or jam.

A cup of tea and bread and butter in the afternoon may be allowed. If dinner is taken, let it be at 6 or 7, and consist of clear soup, white fish. The best work is done on meat, and beef is the best, varied with mutton. Pudding should be light, such as ground rice. Fresh fruit or prunes are excellent.

In place of dinner a supper at 5–6, a cup of tea and toast and butter, and a midday meal similar to the above, after or about 9 a.m. The late diner may take a cup of cocoa and a biscuit before bed-time.

Drink nothing between meals, nor when eating, but after each meal. Those who drink stimulants need not leave them off, but must only drink at meals. Tobacco is not recommended, but if an athlete smokes he should smoke a briar with light flake tobacco only at rest times after meals, never late before retiring.

Bathing is important. An early morning tub is an excellent restorative after rising, with a good rubbing down afterwards with a rough towel. To those unable to take a purely cold bath a tepid one and a sponge down with cold water is as good. The thing is to promote reaction and restore the vitality of the blood supply and circulation. If a hot bath at 112–115 deg. is taken take a plunge in it and do not stay in.

EL BODEN.

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With acknowledgments to "The Die Hards."

I.

GEN. VISCOUNT WELLINGTON, K.B., TO LT.-GEN. HILL.

QUADRASEIS,

29th Septer., 1811.

MY DEAR HILL,

. . . I could not prevent Marmont from relieving Cuidad Rodrigo, and we have retired to this neighbourhood, but we had two little affairs with him, in which the troops behaved

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remarkably well, particularly the 2nd Bn. 5th, 77th and 21st Portuguese, and Gen. Alten's Brigade of Cavalry, near El Boden on the 25th. The French have gone back.

Believe me, etc.,

WELLINGTON.

Lt.-Gen. Hill.

II.

GEN. VISCOUNT WELLINGTON, K.B., TO THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, SECRETARY OF STATE.

QUADRASEIS,

29th Septer, 1811.

MY DEAR LORD,

I enclose the last weekly state and the last morning report of the Army. We are really almost an Army of convalescents. There is no serious sickness amongst the troops, and but few die, but I never saw the Army capable of bearing so little, nearly one half of those recently arrived from England have gone into the hospitals. You will see that we were hard pressed on the 25th (El Boden), *but I never saw the troops behave so well or so steady*. The French produced an immense Army.

Believe me, etc.,

WELLINGTON.

The Earl of Liverpool.

III.

GEN. VISCOUNT WELLINGTON, K.B., TO THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, SECRETARY OF STATE.

QUADRASEIS,

29th Septer., 1811.

MY LORD,

. . . On the morning of the 25th Septer. the enemy sent a reconnaissance of Cavalry towards the lower Azava, consisting of about 14 Squadrons of the Imperial Guard . . . but the enemy's attention was principally directed during the day to the 3rd Division (Lt.-Gen. Picton) in the hill between Fuente Guinaldo and Pastore. About 8 in the morning they moved a column consisting of between thirty and forty squadrons of Cavalry and fourteen battns. of Infantry and 12 pieces of cannon from Cuidad Rodrigo in such a direction that it was doubtful whether they would attempt to ascend the hills of La Encina, El Boden, or by the direct road towards Fuente Guinaldo, and I was not certain by which road they would make their attack till they actually commenced it upon the last. As soon as I saw the direction of their march, I had reinforced the 2nd battn. 5th Regt., which occupied the post on the hill over which the road passes to Guinaldo, by the 77th Regt. and the 21st Portuguese Regt., under the command of Major-Gen. the Honble. C. Colville, and Major-Gen. Alten's brigade, of which only 3 squadrons remained which had not been detached, drawn from El Boden. . . . In the meantime, however, the small body of troops in this post sustained the attack of the enemy's Cavalry and Artillery. One Regt. of French Dragoons succeeded in taking two pieces of cannon which had been posted on a rising ground on the right of our troops, but they were charged by the 2nd Battn. 5th Regt., under the command of Major Ridge, and the guns were immediately retaken. While this operation was going on on the flank, an attack was made on the front by another Regt., which was repulsed in a similar manner by the 77th Regt., and the three squadrons of Major-Gen. Alten's brigade charged repeatedly different bodies of the enemy which ascended the hill on the left of the two Regts. of British Infantry, the Portuguese Regt. being posted in the rear of their right. . . . I determined to withdraw our post and retire with the whole on Fuente Guinaldo. The 2nd battn. 5th Regt. and the 77th Regt. were formed into one square, and the 21st Portuguese into another, supported by M.-Gen. Alten's small body of Cavalry, and the Portuguese Artillery. The enemy's Cavalry immediately rushed forward and obliged our Cavalry to retire to the support of the Portuguese Regt., and the 5th and 77th Regts. were charged on three faces of the square by the French Cavalry, but they halted and repulsed the attack with the utmost steadiness and gallantry. We then continued the retreat and joined the remainder of the 3rd Divn., also formed in squares, on their march to Fuente Guinaldo. . . .

I cannot conclude this report of the occurrences of last week without expressing to your Lordship my admiration of the troops engaged in the affair of the 25th inst. The conduct of the 2nd battn. 5th Regt. commanded by Major Ridge, in particular affords a memorable example of what the steadiness and discipline of the troops and their confidence in their officers can effect in the most difficult and trying situation. The conduct of the 77th Regt., under the command of Lt.-Col. Bromhead, was equally good, and I never saw a more determined attack than was made by the whole of the enemy's Cavalry with every advantage of the assistance of a superior Artillery and repulsed by these two weak battalions. I must not omit also to report the good conduct on the same occasion of the 21st Portuguese Regt., under the command of Colonel Bacellar, and of Major Arentschild's Artillery. The Portuguese infantry were not actually charged but were repeatedly threatened and they showed the utmost steadiness and discipline both in the mode in which they prepared to receive the enemy, and in all the movements of a retreat made over 6 miles of plain in front of a superior Cavalry and Artillery. The Portuguese Artillery men attached to the guns, which were for a moment in the enemy's possession, were cut down at their guns. The infantry were on this occasion under the command of M.-Genl. the Honble. C. Colville, Lt.-Gen. Picton having remained with the troops at El Boden, and the conduct of M.-Gen. Colville was beyond all praise.

IV.

Return of the killed, wounded and missing of the Army under the command of Genl. Viscount Wellington, K.B., in an affair with the enemy on the heights of El Boden on the 25th and near Aldea da Ponte on 27th Septer., 1811 :—

	Officers.	Sergeants.	Rank and File.	Horses.	Total loss of Officers, N.C.O.'s, Rank and File.
Killed ..	1	1	40	40	42
Wounded ..	16	13	156	63	185
Missing ..	—	1	33	9	34

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5th Bn. North'd Fus.—Lt. C. V. Alder resigns his commission and retains his rank (July 17th).

REGULAR ARMY—RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd Fus.—2nd-Lt. J. W. Heads to be Lt. (Nov. 23rd, 1921).
North'd Fus.—Lt.-Col. A. C. L. Jones, ret. pay, to be Lt.-Col. (July 17th), with seniority March 9th, 1918.

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Lt.-Col.—A. C. L. H. Jones, h.p. list, late North'd Fus., retires on retired pay (July 17th).

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Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

GLASGOW,
July, 1926.

The situation of the Battalion cannot be said to have improved since last month. Indeed it appears to grow daily more complex, as a review of events since our arrival will show.

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First of all, when we were so ruthlessly uprooted from Ballykinlar eleven long weeks ago, to proceed as strong as possible, as fast as possible, to Glasgow, the powers that be could not bring themselves to part with our guard at G.H.Q., or with the distinguished Officer of the Regiment then functioning as Camp Adjutant, Ballykinlar, who accordingly all stayed behind whilst their Regiment went to establish itself some hundred and twenty miles away on another island. The same guard has remained there so far . . . detachment number one.

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A few days ago the Machine Gun Platoon returned to Ireland for Brigade concentration and to fire their classification. Detachment number two.

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The Band is on tour, and the Drums go to Belfast this week to take part in the North Ireland District Tattoo. The situation therefore becomes tricky in the extreme for it has been decreed that our numbers in these parts must not fall below a certain figure. Matters are not helped by the fact that in addition to maintaining our own small base at Ballykinlar, we still appear to be finding quite an incredible amount of the garrison employed there, in spite of the fact that there is only the Battalion there at the moment.

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In short, numbers here have now to be judged to such a nicety that the day does not appear to be very far distant when, of a sudden, this great city may be brought to a standstill, and wait, in tense and agonized silence, whilst the greatest and most soul stirring drama of its history unfolds itself.

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Let us picture for ourselves this mighty drama. We will call it "Nap Hits the Big Hike," or "Saved by a Sanitary Man."

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One morning, right in the very early hours (say about 9.45 a.m., whilst O.C. Headquarter Wing is still contemplating his breakfast egg) a rumour, ugly and sinister—all the best rumours in places like Glasgow are ugly and sinister—somehow gets abroad amongst the population that all is not as it should be with the military forces. Here and there, little knots of men and women are to be seen talking with bated breath, anxiously speculating among themselves as to what may be amiss. Outside the barrack gates an ever-swelling crowd gathers, pushing and jostling and straining to obtain authentic news regarding the rumoured disaster. Here and there women faint and are carried off, because no drama of this kind is complete without its quota of fainting women.

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Somehow the news leaks out that whatever the disaster may be the regiment upon whom it has descended is the Fifth Fusiliers, gloom,—deep, glumphy, stygian gloom settles like a pall over the multitude.

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is any information to be gained from the Officers or men of the Regiment, who go about their business in silence, but with that pale, set, tight-lipped expression of grim determination which comes so naturally to them when big things are afoot. All that is known is that they must just hold on, bulldog fashion, for a time, until the reinforcements required to fill the yawning breach in their ranks, caused by the unknown disaster, may arrive.

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The scene now changes. We leave Glasgow, hushed trembling, overcast, and pass over to Ballykinlar Camp. What a contrast we find here. In place of the city of gloomy, dejected multitudes we have presented to us a vista of drowsy contentment. The time is early afternoon. A few soldiers in various states of deshabille are basking in the summer sun. In one of the huts a solitary band boy is softly practising trills and twiddles on a piccolo. In the garden near the Officers' Mess the air is filled with the soothing hum and "murmuring of innumerable bees," whilst in a corner of it, quietly crooning to himself an Officer, coolly clad in shorts and a shirt, is idly painting a dog kennel a restful shade of green. An air of homely peace and contentment pervades the whole atmosphere, and we find ourselves sighing for a few days of idle mid-summer dreaming in this blissful haven of rest.

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We feel, of course, that all this is much too good to last, and, what is more, we are perfectly correct, for a moment later, like some foul fiend, bent on shattering the illusion of idle tranquility, an orderly, wild-eyed and breathless, bearing in his hand the familiar and omnious sheet of pink paper, bursts into the scene, and rushing like some mad thing across the garden to the green dog kennel, thrusts it (the paper, not the dog kennel) into the Officer's hand. The effect upon him is electrical. In a few seconds all is transformed. The very bees seem to pause in alarm, whilst in this one-horse camp there sure begins the world's braziest, slickest, tear-'em-up and eat 'em, gosh-darned hustle ever seen since Go get-'em Hutch on his famous mare raced two express trains and one Hudson Super Six from Mike Rooney's tin saloon to the bridge spanning Dead Man's Gulch, which had been blown to smithereens by the evil machinations of Ike Allison and his gang (2000 feet of thrills, Ideal Pictures, Ltd., photographer Cyrus G. Slade, scenario with Nathan P. Dann, copyright reserved, no gratuities, etc.)

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Dashing down his paint brush with one single gesture, the Officer pauses, for just as long as it takes you to say "knife," whilst he casts his eye several times round and round the Camp.

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His mind is made up.

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Two staccato messages are rapidly stuttered in shorthand to the gaping orderly, and like a flash he is away (the Officer, not the orderly) to the spot where a moment before, his roving eye had lit upon a single soldier idly toying with a broom. True, he is a sanitary man, but this is no time for making nice discriminations, for in such crises all men are equal. Seizing him without a word, the Officer propels his victim, broom and all, across the square to a powerful Ford car which is panting and quivering with every revolution (just as all good Fords do). He thrusts him into the car, which literally leaps into gear, and as the victim rapidly vanishes in a cloud of dust, passes a clammy trembling hand across his brow, and with a sigh of relief despatches another message as follows:

North Fus. One
Glasgow
Your A.26 received 14.15 hours, complied with 14.16 hours.
Details.

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We may now leave him to the painting of his dog kennel which he resumes as the curtain drops.

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The victim, meanwhile, is being carried away at break-neck speed; the sleepy countryside literally flies past him as he rushes in his headlong career through leafy lanes, or occasional villages, where dogs, ducks, chickens and children are left kicking and dying in his wake. Faster and faster speeds the car till Belfast is reached. Here, all traffic is at a standstill. The pavements are black with thousands who have assembled, crazy with curiosity as to what the sudden stoppage may mean. Why are these hordes of policemen so much in evidence? What is the equipage, or who the personage for whom these elaborate preparations are made? Speculation is rife. More women faint and are carried off. Suddenly, in the distance, a subdued roaring and rattling is faintly heard. He, or it, whatever he or it may be, is evidently approaching. The roaring noise comes nearer and nearer. Excitement is now terrific, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that the police, mounted and dismounted, are able to keep the roadway clear.

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But what is this? One solitary car, bearing a single passenger, and he a wild looking soldier grasping a broom of all things. Is it for this, and this alone that the city of Belfast has been at a standstill for some fifty minutes or so? More mystified than ever the people once more throng the streets and gradually disperse to pursue their normal avocations. Meanwhile our hero, all bloodshot and dishevelled after his mad career across the country, arrives at the dock where a Staff Officer and several policemen are awaiting him, and seize him as he descends from the car. He is literally hurled by them on to a waiting steamer which is very soon a tiny dot on the horizon, belching volumes of black smoke into the cloudless summer evening sky.

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Once more the scene shifts back to Glasgow. In the meantime it has become common knowledge that something has occurred to cause a grievous breach in the ranks of the Fifth Fusiliers and it is reinforcements that are required to restore the situation. Thrilled by the news that these reinforcements are being hastened along with all the speed that modern inventions of man can command, almost the entire population of the city anxiously waits in the streets, whilst the news is quickly passed from one to another as bulletins are published announcing the progress of the boat. Minute by minute the excitement grows more and more intense. In a dimly lit office in the barracks, notable for the military severity of its furniture, a small group of officers waits, each one of them trying hard to conceal his own acute anxiety. The silence is broken only by the measured tread of the sentries outside, save occasionally when one of the officers endeavours to relieve the tension with a feeble joke, and is rewarded by the hollow laugh of those who know in their heart of hearts that this is no occasion for jesting—far from it, for big things are afoot and big issues at stake.

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The excitement in the city has now reached fever heat, for a mighty roar heralds the news that the boat has arrived and disembarkation is taking place. Then, as in Belfast, comes the horrible anti-climax. Here is no martial array, here no mighty body of men in orderly formation winding its tortuous way through the streets to the strains of military music and the cheers of tens of thousands, here no warlike display. Instead, a single, pathetic, dirty, travel-stained soldier, simply clad in a shirt and canvas trousers, stares in a dazed, embarrassed fashion at the gaping throngs, as his car carries him along through the now silent streets. His blank, expressionless gaze betrays his utter fatigue of mind and body. Once, and once only, on this last weary stage of his journey, does his face light up and reveal any flicker of interest in his surroundings. As he approaches the barrack gates, something catches his eye. With one despairing effort he feebly raises himself in an endeavour to attract the driver's attention, for boldly painted over the door of a bright looking shop his eye has espied the sign "Reveille Fish Shop." He has not had a bite since his mad journey began some twelve hours before. Alas, his feeble effort passes unnoticed! A moment later the car stops within the barrack gates, and as the door is opened he pitches headlong from it in a dead faint, while his broom clatters from his nerveless grasp to the ground beside him.

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His valiant effort, however, has not been in vain, for we are saved!! Saved from who knows what? (To be quite candid, nobody knows . . still, we are saved!) The crisis is past!

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The Adjutant, wan and haggard from the strain of such a night, feebly hands a written message to a waiting orderly and is then himself carried limp and lifeless to his bed. Upon him, perhaps, more than upon anyone else must rest the blame for all the happenings of this terrible night, for it was through his, and nobody else's, oversight, that the crisis occurred at all. Less than twenty-four hours before, inadvertently and without counting the cost, he had authorised the despatch of a lance-corporal to England on a course in elementary hygiene, only to discover, a little later, to his unspeakable horror, that by so doing he had reduced the strength of the Battalion in Glasgow to exactly x hundred and ninety-nine. The exact number of hundreds, below which we must on no account fall, in Glasgow, is a deep, dark secret, known to nobody below the rank of unpaid lance-corporal, so it must suffice for you, dear reader, simply to know that by the Adjutant's inadvertence, our total strength had dropped, like a thunderbolt, from y hundred, to a mere footling x hundred and ninety-nine, and when you bear in mind that in that x hundred and ninety-nine were already included all the quartermaster's staff *not* at Ballykinlar, *and* the church orderly, you will realise that the situation was pretty serious, and that the effective bayonet strength of the Battalion was, in reality, a mere cypher.

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So it came about that for all these long hours, this great city passed through such a crisis as it has never known before, whilst the strength of His Majesty's Fifth Foot stood at the woefully weak figure of x hundred and ninety-nine. Who dared to think what sinister forces might arise in our midst during that time and swiftly strike at the very roots and foundations of society whilst our Battalion was so sadly depleted, and was really a battalion in name only, so long as its strength remained at that ridiculous figure? Can any written word express the untold relief of all concerned when at long last the Adjutant was able to send out the message which has since become world famous, the message for which American millionaires have vainly offered fabulous sums in their desire to take home a suitable memento of Glasgow at the time of the coal strike? The mere fact of such sums of money having been offered to Glaswegians, and refused, is a testimony to the value set upon it by them, and visitors to the city are now proudly led by their escorts to a little framed document, occupying a prominent place in the city hall, which reads as follows:—

"Headquarters, ————,
Reinforcements reported 08.15 hrs., situation now normal.
AAA. Strength at 08.15 hrs. to-day y hundred.
Northfus. One."

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All of which, my readers, is, I agree, an awful lot of punk. Only two excuses can be offered for the writing of it. (1) That it is not so completely founded on fiction as you might imagine, and (2) that the life we are leading in Glasgow is enough to drive anyone—say even a sound, solid Briton like Saklatvala or A. J. Cook—to write or talk pure punk.

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Drama or no drama, however, punk or no punk, the scattered state of the Battalion forms an additional reason for our being bored stiff with Glasgow. Quite apart from the detachments already mentioned, we are finding another detachment of five officers and a hundred and twenty other ranks, who are guarding an explosives factory at Ardeen, some thirty miles away, under command of Captain Powell. If we overlook such minor details as the facts that

(1) The atmosphere of the whole place is reported to reek of sulphur.

(2) The officers have one room, and the men one room, only, in which they are allowed to smoke.

(3) The area of the factory covers several square miles which have to be patrolled day and night.

(4) The O.C. Detachment is reported to have lost his money box . . .

Overlooking, as we said, these trifles, they are reported to be having a rollicking time.

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So the end of July finds us more broken up than ever, which is all the more depressing when we remember how, on leaving Cologne for Ballykinlar, we rubbed our hands and said amongst ourselves: "We shall anyway be spared all this blankety-blank employ and splitting up when we get to Ireland, and we shall, at last, see something of our Battalion."

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Nothing, of course, pleases or flatters us more than to imagine that we are a thoroughly useful and much sought-after unit of the Army, but . . . . may we be pardoned for saying that if there is a game of tug-of-war to be played, we would rather fill any rôle than that of the rope? At the moment with Garrison Employ at Ballykinlar, Details and M.G. Training at Ballykinlar, Belfast Tattoo, etc., on the end of the rope, and Emergency Duty at Glasgow and Ardeen detachment near Glasgow on the other end of the rope, we are well nigh pulled in two with it all.

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However . . . begone dull care, for we hear that Ballykinlar is to be our permanent station for another year, instead of our moving to Holyrood as was originally intended, so perhaps we may yet be spared to see a little of that delectable spot—say next summer thereabouts—then, when we get our leave, we will all come to Glasgow again . . . perhaps.

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Our two Tug-of-War teams which competed at the Royal Tournament were, sad to relate, both defeated in the first round of their respective competitions, after good pulls in each case. None of their members having competed at Olympia before—except Fus. O'Hara, who competed in his former regiment—they went up with but a vague idea as to how they would get on in the competitions. Although they put up a good show and pulled well, there is no doubt that they were beaten fair and square . . . on tactics. Though, however, defeated they came away having gained experience which will, we hope, stand them in good stead in their next competitions. Sometimes, perhaps, we are apt to forget that to reach the very top in all such events, be it boxing, athletics, tug-of-war or anything else of the kind, progress must be gradual, and victory cannot be won, as a rule, without several years of constant hard work, during which defeats are to be expected, and the why and the wherefore of these defeats must be reasoned out in order that the proper lessons may be learnt from them. So, although our teams are undoubtedly disappointed at having been knocked out so early in the competition, they must console themselves with the fact that some progress in the upward climb has been made this year, and we must hope for better luck next year. On this point, anyway, their consciences are clear, and that is that though they lost, it was not through any lack of conscientiousness in training and in keeping fit for the event.

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Mr. Seth-Smith and Mr. Butterfield have both gone to Hythe on long Qualifying Courses. For the benefit of those who do not know, or have not been to Hythe, we would explain that Hythe is a small place near Folkestone, a popular watering place on the South Coast.

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During the past month Capt. Rushbrooke and Capt. Owen have both retired, the latter after only a few months with this Battalion.

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Capt. Rushbrooke has served in the Regiment since 1908, when he joined this Battalion, then in India.

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Before we close, one word about this "autociate" business. Here the writer is between the devil and the deep, blue sea, for he must either admit a certain laxity in reading the typed proofs of last month's notes, or he must own to having coined the abomination. As the former alternative happens to be the truth, and appears to be far the less discreditable, he confesses humbly that he did overlook a typist's error. The written word, be it explained, was "autocratic."

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The unmitigated tedium of Glasgow leaves nothing further to be recorded.

Owing to the recent sad loss of both his parents, Captain Rushbrooke has decided to retire from the service owing to the incompatibility of soldiering with looking after a property and he is going to settle down at his home in Surrey, known to many of us when the Battalion was at Bordon.

Promotion nowadays has gone back to pre-war normal and to attain Field Rank 20 years' service is now becoming the rule rather than the exception.

Philip Rushbrooke retires after 17 years' service, but we are glad to say that owing to his war service he is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on retirement. Joining the 2nd Battalion in 1909 he served at Dover, Sheffield and Pontefract and went to India with the 2nd Battalion in 1913 only to return to England about a year later with the 2nd Battalion which formed a unit of the 28th Division which went to France in January, 1915.

During the later months of 1915 the 2nd Battalion was with the 28th Division transferred to Salonicka.

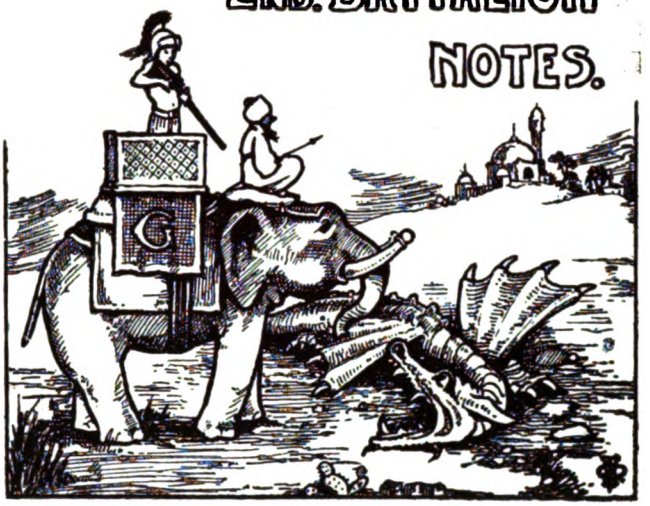
Except for periods of leave, Rushbrooke served throughout the operations in Salonicka, obtaining a D.S.O. for gallantry in the field and displayed marked ability as a leader in the field in so much that he was given command of the 2nd Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry of which he held command for some 14 months.

After the war, he served a tour of duty at the Depôt and rejoined the 1st Battalion at Bordon.

We are all sorry that he has had by force of circumstances to decide to retire early and that he has not remained on in the Regiment and attained higher rank. We shall miss him, not only as one does miss naturally an officer of his standing in the Regiment but as a really true type of regimental officer, an officer who had no aspiration in the Army beyond regimental soldiering. His interests as a soldier were entirely centred on his company as an integral part of the Regiment. Besides as a soldier, we shall miss him as a keen sportsman and in mess life we shall miss his arguments and enunciation of theories which always provoked great discussion.

We all hope that he will entirely recuperate his health after his recent operation and that like all others who have left that they will always look upon the Regiment as their second home and that we shall often see him in the future.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

July, 1926.

This month has yielded less than ever in events of interest; we wait for rain, and we wait for something to happen, and sometimes waiting is rewarded but not often.

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As far as games are concerned, the most important were the trial football matches for the team to go to Calcutta for the I.F.A. The final selection is as follows:—

Fus. McGiven ("C" Coy.).
Fus. Jennings ("A" Coy.). Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy.).
Fus. Graham ("C" Coy.). Fus. Brooks ("D" Coy.). Fus. Turner ("C" Coy.).
Fus. Burns ("A" Coy.). Cpl. Cross (H.Q.). Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock ("B" Coy.).
Fus. Gillon ("C" Coy.). Fus. Clayton (H.Q.).
Reserves.—Lce.-Cpl. Bland ("A" Coy.); Fus. Tranburg ("C" Coy.); Fus Phillips ("D" Coy.).

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There was a great hockey match between the Officers and the Sergeants' Mess. The latter won 2—1: it was a good, fast game, and everyone enjoyed it very much.

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There are better places to be in than goalkeeper, I'm sure, and some people must have very hard shins and heads, particularly in the forward lines on this occasion.

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At very short notice, "C" Coy. had to go to the hills on 30th June, just about a month before they expected to.

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Nowshera is now closer than we thought, and we go there on the 9th November. And we are very sorry not to have another bang at the very plentiful duck in the Jheals around Fyzabad.

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One thing is certain, it will be a long time before we shall have such good quarters and bungalows to live in as we have here, and the Polo grounds and the sports grounds are as good as anyone could wish.

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With the first threat of rain, the Rugger enthusiasts had the goal posts up, but the ground is still as hard as a brick, and nothing can be done except a mild form of practice.

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We hear that Mr. Hobbs has qualified as a lecturer on the game.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Major Athill on his Colonelcy, and to Capt. Baxter on his Majority.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The Mess Billiard Handicap Tournament was completed during the month. The R.S.M. reached the final by a series of exciting struggles, usually associated with the old slogan, "Just a toss of the coin." He, however, put up a plucky show against a good master of the game in Sgt. Higgins, whose name, to be engraved on the Cup, will now adjoin that of the past champion ex-C.S.M. Geo. Prophet.

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A delightful hockey game with the Officers saw us victorious by 2 goals to 1. The R.S.M. was responsible for both our goals, the first being scored in the first few seconds of the game and the second in the last few minutes. Mr. Martin scored for the Officers, thanks to a hefty attempt on the part of Sgt. Heron to divert a slow-running ball from its course. The effort almost cost the caterer the loss of one limb which seemed to depart into oblivion with the momentum of the swing.

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We later were beaten at hockey by "A" Company, to the tune of 2—1, after a good game.

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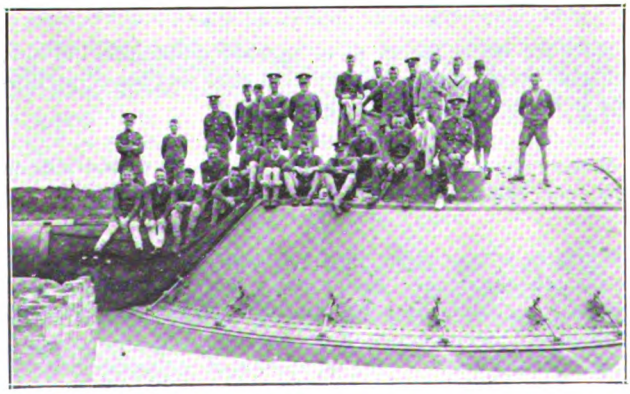
A good many members are away visiting their families in the Hills. In consequence there is little to chronicle.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
July, 1926.

At one time, about three months ago, a record crop of raspberries was expected from Fawdon this summer, but for



12IN. BATTERY, HARTLEY.

some reason, at present unknown to the experts, there has been but a meagre yield.

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The writer, however, has just been given a small one for not having these notes ready in time, and, stimulated by it no end (there was, as is usual with this particular fruit, a wasp in it), proceeds to write them before going on leave.

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There's a wealth of meaning hidden in those last six words.

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Not even a Fawdon raspberry can quite persuade one to take

HARTLEY CAMP, JULY, 1926.

anything but a languid interest in life after the Borderers' Match and the consequent Borderers' night, and it is with complete indifference that we draw the attention of the Editor and the printer to the scores at the end of these notes. They have to read them, poor devils. Oh yes, it was a topping game and Pridham and Col. Platt and Arkwright and Hasted and Swinton batted skilfully and just managed to pull us through with a few minutes to spare, and the Borderers were

Photo] [*Sgt. Brown, 5th Fusiliers*

BATHING AT HARTLEY. "YE GAN FORST KIDDER."

their usual charming selves and gave us a wonderful lunch and this is the place in which to thank them. The place—but not the time—last night was Borderers' Night and to-day "thank you" is but a hollow groan.

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Four dainty sugar-coated pieces in a bright little packet, sealed to keep all the goodness in.

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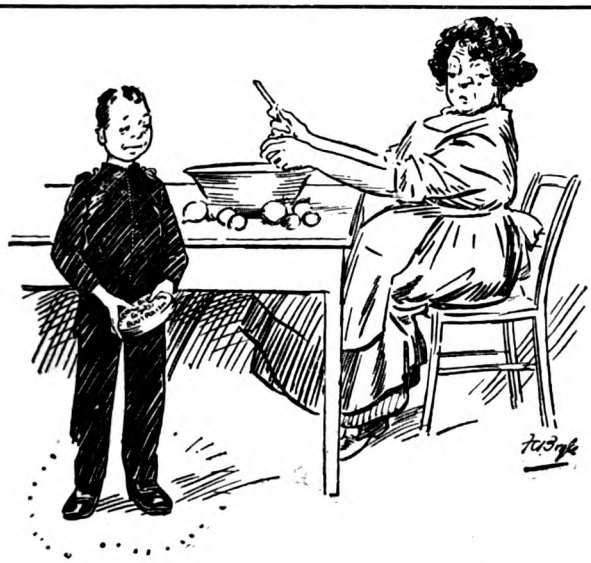

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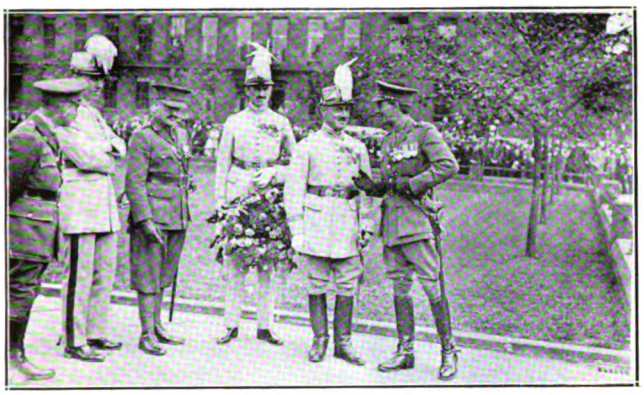
Capt. Troullier, Lieut. Dupuis and Lieut. Linares, instructors at St. Cyr, the French Sandhurst, stayed with us last week end.



LT.-COL. PLATT, OFFICERS OF THE 68TH R.D. AND OFFICERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY AT THE WAR MEMORIAL.

They are making a tour of the British Isles and are being shown the training of the various arms of the British Army. Our old friend Capt. Fillingham of the Durham Light Infantry who was at his Depôt till last year, is conducting the tour and it was natural that they should visit the 5/68th Regimental Depôts for that reason alone. Modesty forbids us to mention others.

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On Friday a wreath was laid on the County Memorial at Eldon Square in the presence of the Lord Mayor. April and June Squads surrounded the Memorial.

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At night a dinner was given in honour of our guests, the French Consul also being present.

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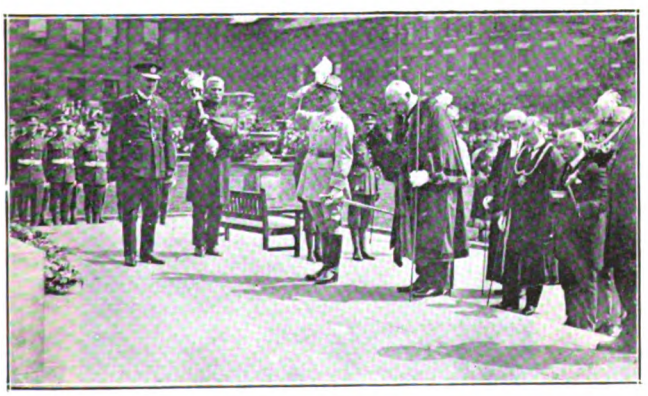
Capt. Plummer has just visited us and seems to be standing the climate a good deal better than most of the "koi-hais" we have seen lately. Mr. R. G. Hyde, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, has also called on us. He will be remembered by



AT THE WAR MEMORIAL.

many of the 2nd Battalion who visited Allahabad three or four years ago.

We regret to have to record the death of Corpl. Robson in hospital on 8th July. In him the Regiment has lost a non-commissioned officer who, by virtue of his position as an educational instructor alone, did much to help and improve many of his comrades. Those who knew him know also that his influence for good was not confined to the walls of the school, but that in everything he did in his quiet unassuming way he set a good example. We offer our sympathy to his father and mother in their loss.

CRICKET.

GARRISON V. BORDERERS.

Played at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 22nd July, 1926.

BORDERERS.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes, b Brown	29
C. N. Sample, b Brown	56
E. P. Harvey, b Arkwright	2
R. G. C. Mortimer, b Brown	6
A. L. D. Skinner, st Platt, b Barrington	94
G. M. North, st Platt, b Arkwright	24

FRENCH OFFICER LAYING WREATH ON COUNTY MEMORIAL, ELDON SQUARE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

E. Fenwick-Clennel, b Pridham	4
Col. K. G. R. Leather, c Brown, b Morant	12
Capt. E. R. Joicey, c Turner, b Pridham	7
R. S. Watson, c Forbes-Watson, b Barrington	6
G. E Wilkinson, not out	2
Extras	30
Total	272

GARRISON.

Lieut.-Col. W Platt, b Stanger-Leathes	50
Capt. C. M. J. Barrington, b North	8
Mr. J. E. Pridham, c North, b Sample	94
Capt. C. G. Arkwright, c Sample, b Harvey	65
Major R. V. Turner, b Sample	1
Q.M.S. I. Brown, lbw, b Sample	1
Col. H. H. S. Morant, b North	7
Capt. J. O. C. Hasted, b Stanger-Leathes	25
Capt. W. Swinton, not out	5
Capt. D. E. F. Waight, not out	3
Mr. R. F. Forbes-Watson, did not bat	
Extras	20
Total	279

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4TH BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd July, 1926.

Our first and foremost and most pleasant duty this month as Battalion Contributor is to offer to Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., on behalf of all ranks of his Battalion, our very warm congratulations on the occasion of his promotion by brevet to the rank of Colonel.

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Normally, the July notes refer chiefly to the fact that training for the year is over and the annual period of tranquil inactivity has commenced. Not so this year—thanks to the Industrial upheaval. Many of us still have our Musketry Course to fire, many have not completed their drills. However, it is hoped to commence the payment of bounties in August (prolonged cheers).

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We have had four Week-end Camps at Allendale during the month, the first one for Officers and N.C.O.'s only and the last three for the various Companies in turn.

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The weather during the first week-end was everything that we could desire: the N.C.O.'s benefitted greatly by the instruction and we came home feeling that Allendale had at last turned over a new leaf.

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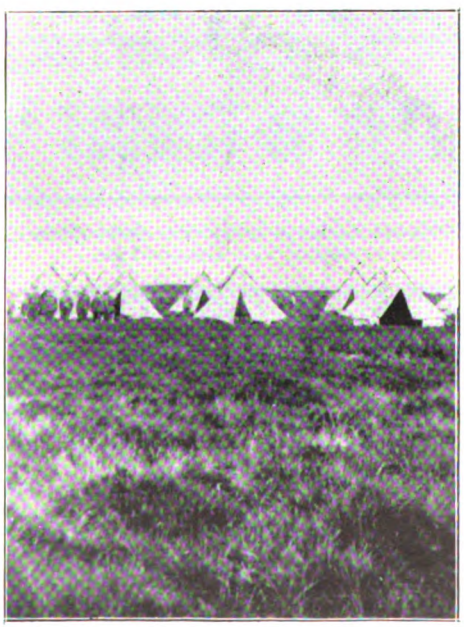
The second week-end was equally successful from every point of view and both the Champion County and the Signallers turned out in full force. The Brigade Commander visited the



4TH (T.A.) BATTALION WEEK-END CAMP, ALLENDALE.

Camp each of these week-ends and appeared to be satisfied with what he saw.

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At the third week-end the clerk of the weather was still on our side until about 1 p.m. on the Sunday when something must have annoyed the old gentleman excessively, for, suddenly, with little warning, we had a terrific thunderstorm which lasted for

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION WEEK-END CAMP, ALLENDALE.
THE SERGEANTS' MESS.

the rest of the day and put an end to our training for that week-end.

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The fourth and last of these Camps is yet to come. On 24th and 25th July "Y" Company (Capt. A. B. Hare, M.C.) and "Z" Company (Capt. F. B. Clarke) promise to send the majority of their numbers to take part in the Week-end training, which has proved to be a very valuable, though inadequate compensation for the loss of our Annual Training Camp.

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On Friday, 23rd July, the Officers assembled at Newburn in response to a challenge from the W.O.'s and Sergeants, and the following shows the result of the Competitions which ensued :—

MINIATURE RANGE COMPETITION.

OFFICERS.		W.O.'S AND SERGEANTS.	
Bt.-Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C.	62	C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow ..	72
Bt.-Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E.	64	Sgt. T. Stamp	77
Capt. G. E. Charlewood ..	32	C.S.M. A. McTeer ..	73
Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C.	59	C.S.M. W. W. Wodehouse	74
Capt. R. Wood	66	Sgt. R. Brown	63
Capt. F. B. Clarke	60	C.S.M. E. V. Mower ..	71
Major B. Cruddas, D.S.O...	61	Sgt. G. Simpson	47
Total ..	404	Total ..	477

BILLIARDS.

Capt. F. B. Clarke ..	42	Sgt. J. H. Rollingson ..	100
Capt. G. E. Charlewood ..	72	Sgt. J. McHugh	100
Capt. W. Watson, M.C. ..	89	R.S.M. S. C. Clarke ..	100
Lieut. A. McLellan ..	100	C.S.M. W. W. Wodehouse	99
Total ..	303	Total ..	399

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WHIST.

Major B. Cruddas, D.S.O. Capt. W. Watson, M.C.	3	Sgt. S. A. Armstrong Sgt. R. Brown	2
Bt.-Major K.G. Williams, O.B.E. .. .. .. Capt. R. Wood	2	Sgt. P. Downie	3
Lieut. A. McLellan	3	C.S.M. W. W. Wodehouse	2
2nd-Lieut. A. S. Todd ..		Sgt. J. H. Rollingson	
Capt. G. E. Charlewood	2	C.S.M. E. V. Mower ..	3
Lieut. W. M. Gibson, M.C.		Sgt. T. Stamp	
Total ..	10	Total ..	10

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our annual training for this year is now absolutely and completely finished. We have fired, drilled, lectured and camped.

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The first three items were conducted in the usual ways, but the last consisted of a week-end camp for Officers and N.C.O.'s and a week-end camp for each company, all at Allendale.

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The clerk of the weather, the Quartermaster and Mr. White (caterer of Hexham) all excelled themselves in their various activities on each occasion thus making the week ends most attractive.

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The first innings went to the Officers and N.C.O.'s on the 3rd and 4th of the month and they got through some good work in overpowering heat.

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The Brigade Commander, Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., our Commanding Officer, Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., and the Adjutant, Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., visited us and seemed

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION WEEK-END CAMP, ALLENDALE. THE COOKS.

content. Incidentally they also visited the second camp and still seemed content.

A ferocious white cow charged the officers' dining table.

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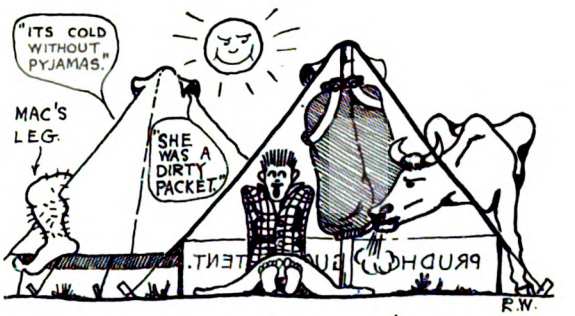
In the middle of the night, the same cow scrounged about the officers' tents eventually confining her attention to the abode of



An early morning episode at Allendale.

the "Prudhoe Guards." The cow was very persistent and when Mr. Bennett awoke he found himself gazing into the liquid blue eyes of a large bovine beauty. Presumably she was fond of cloth and the "Prudhoe Guards" spectacular plus fours had caught her fancy.

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Otherwise activities were according to plan.

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The second camp on the 10th and 11th comprised "X" (champion) Company under Captain R. Wood, the Signallers under Lt. J. M. Todd, D.F.C., and the Drums under Sergeant-Drummer Orange.

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Nothing untoward occurred except that Mr. McLellan again forgot his pyjamas for the second consecutive week-end.

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Mr. A. S. Todd gave one the impression that he was saying farewell to his military carreer, as indeed he was. With nostrils wide open and just a slight hint of the Depôt "style" he fairly exuded militarism.

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The Drums orchestrated after "Retreat," and the "Ukulele" after "Lights out."

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The Drums by the way are to be commended on their progress.

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Capt. G. L. Bradley commanded the third camp which consisted of "W" Company under Capt. G. E. Charlewood and Lt. W. M. Gibson, M.C., the machine gun platoon; and the Band under Bandmaster Forster, D.C.M.

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At the end of the third camp the Band stayed behind to play to the local Sunday strollers.

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At all three camps Capt. W. Watson, M.C., flitted about on his usual mystic duties. C.Q.M.S. Connell had the best job of all, which was that of camp caretaker, his duties being to squat amongst the tents right throughout the camping period.

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With one Fusilier for companionship and plenty of bully beef to eat, he spent a most excellent holiday.

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Congratulations to our Commanding Officer on his promotion to the rank of Brevet Colonel.

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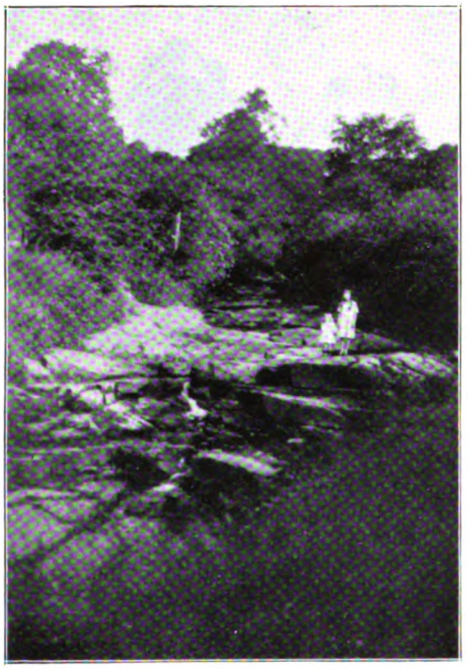
We are sorry to say that we are losing an excellent machine



THE WINNING, NEWBURN (NORMAL).

gun officer in Mr. A. Fleming, who is relinquishing his commission on account of his numerous private duties.

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He has served with the Battalion since 1923 having seen previous service in the Royal Air Force, both overseas and at home in the Great War, holding the General Service and Victory medals. We wish him the best of luck for the future and hope that he will look us up occasionally.

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Also our best wishes go with Mr. Anderson of the "Prudhoe Guards" who is leaving the Battalion.

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We hope that these officers will not forget old friends.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

On 24th July this Company joins "Y" at Allendale for its Week-end Camp, which is being held in lieu of Annual Training. The "Daily Mail" forecast indicates an absence of rain on the 24th and 25th, but that is really too good to be true; Allendale without rain is a sight which one dreams of, but does not often see.

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Last Saturday, the wives and children of N.C.O.'s and men of the Company were entertained to tea in the Drill Hall and, judging by the noise, they enjoyed themselves immensely.

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Apart from the above we are without news, the strike unfortunately is still with us and some people think it will last for the "duration" (we hope the alternative is not a 3 year strike).

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Our usual correspondent, having ceased from corresponding for the duration of the coal dispute, the doings of the Haltwhistle Detachment have not been recently recorded in the annals of *St. George's Gazette*. However, as we have also nearly ceased from soldiering and in the majority of cases taken up the more peaceful pursuit of striking, nothing very much has been lost.

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True; some of us did go to Allendale on the 3rd July for a week-end (which in training circles means Saturday night) camp, but it was very poor compensation for Annual Training. It was rumoured, however, that one, who shall be nameless, managed to make a real celebration of it on 2/-. Powerful liquor they must keep at Allendale.

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We are generally fairly reticent as regards what is undoubtedly uppermost in all our minds and the writer having been so frequently told that he knows nothing about coal below or above ground has decided to "lie low" like "Brer Rabbit" and say "nuffinck," and take his bath on Friday nights only! as even he, in his abyssmal ignorance knows that it takes coal to make a fire and that there is precious little of that now rare commodity for general use.

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We are looking forward to Allendale again this coming week-end and hope to have a full Company present. Last time we made a noble effort, at the Brigadier's instigation, to wipe out a machine gun post "two fingers left of white sheep" but as there

THE WINNING, NEWBURN (AFTER THE MONSOON).

were several white sheep and they all moved we are not certain that we succeeded.

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In connection with the foregoing, may we remind the Adjutant that it was the tortoise that won the race!

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In our local Annual Walk held last Saturday, we noticed at least three gallant Fusiliers and on Monday we noticed in the morning papers that they kept together well (team work again) and came in 7th, 8th and 9th respectively. Of course it would be giving away state secrets to tell you the total number of competitors.

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To conclude, there are one or two things we would like to know :—

1. Whether it is generally realized that Allendale has a golf course ?
2. Whether it is a "natural hazard" if the club on the swing catches in the shoulder strap of the S.D. jacket or whether one can play the shot again and count two ?
3. Whether spurs are permissible for getting a grip on the tee and if so whether special permission can be granted to "non-mounted" officers to wear "plus-fours" *and* spurs when playing golf ?
4. Whether the Football Association knows that on 3rd July a certain goal keeper used an umbrella as a means of defending his goal ?
5. Whether the Geological Society or the National Farmers' Union can explain why it is that at Allendale when one lies down the ground is always higher at one's feet than at one's head ?

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
July, 1926.

Little of interest has happened since the last notes were written, but one or two things are about to happen. Firstly, there is a Battalion week-end training camp on the 24th/25th July at Ponteland, followed by another on the 7th/8th August. These camps are in lieu of the Annual Camp—a poor "in lieu," but all we shall get. By the time we've de-bussed and unpacked and got everyone sorted out, it will be time to get mixed up, pack up and em-buss again—all good experience, no doubt, if somewhat hectic.

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On the 31st July, we hold a Battalion Gala, again "in lieu" of something—this time in lieu of Annual Sports. The wives and families and sweethearts of all ranks are participating, and the fun of the fair will include obstacle races, children's races, teas, cocoanut shies, beer bars, dancing on the green, etc. We only pray the weather will be fine.

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We have to regretfully record the transfer to the T.A. Reserve of Officers of Capt. C. W. Fairweather, known for many years and by many others apart from the Officers of the Battalion as "Clem." Clem joined the Battalion in 1912, and went to France with it in 1915. He served in 1918 with the R.E., and was disembodied in November, 1920, and rejoined the Bn. in 1921, serving with it until his recent transfer to the Reserve. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

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The Coal Strike has thrown many N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion out of employment, and we all hope for a speedy settlement of the dispute. One redeeming feature is that it is summer, and not winter, or the state of things might be considerably worse.

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Mr. Rowe goes to the Depôt for twelve days of his initial course on the 2nd August. If he undergoes as much training as the Officers who have recently finished their attachment at the Depôt, he will come back a gladder and wiser man, as these others have done. We have much to thank the Depôt for.

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Training has almost finished, apart from the week-end camps mentioned above ; a little desultory recruits' training drags on its weary way, and there has been one bright night of Audit Boards, which particular form of routine always produces some alarm and despondency—also a little merriment : for example :

President : "Check the vouchers, Mr. Dash."

Mr. Dash : "There aren't any vouchers, Sir."

President : "No vouchers ! What the deuce is all that stuff, then ? "

Mr. Dash : "Different types of Balance-sheets, Sir."

President : "? ! ? ! ? ! ? ! ? ! ? ! "

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Again :—

President : "This cheque for £12—there doesn't seem to be a receipt ? "

Mr. Kay (i/c of these a/cs.) : "Well, Sir, you see, Sir, I received £14 in cash from the "Z" Detachment Sergeants' Mess for beer sold by this Mess, Sir, so as this detachment hasn't got a bank account, Sir, I paid a cheque out of this account, Sir ; paid the soda water people of this Mess, Sir, with 30s. of the remaining balance of the £14, transferred the remaining 10s. to the Deposit Account, waited two months for interest, Sir, withdrew the total amount then accrued to pay for the new curtains in the Men's Room, Sir, thereby avoiding unnecessary entries in the cash account of this account, Sir. I think that ought to be quite clear, Sir ! "

President : "Mr. Dash, just cross check all that with the Pass Books, the Ledgers, and the various accounts concerned, please."

(Mr. Dash immediately throws a fit, and is revived with brandy.)

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Later :—

President : "You say, Mr. Jones, that last year's N.A.A.F.I. rebate is shown in this year's rebate. If this is so, I fail to see why the accrued interest for this period should have been deducted from the gross assets shown in column 12 of the Balance Sheet, and transferred to the net liabilities shown in column 36 ! Again, the amount of 2d. shown in column 24 of the Balance Sheet as estreated from the P.R.I. is not shown in the P.R.I. Account as estreated—in fact it is not shown at all. Under these circumstances the Board will reassemble next Thursday evening at the same hour, and I trust that the matters I have referred to will be put into an auditable condition. Good-night."

6th (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
25th July, 1926.

We must apologise for missing the bus for last month's issue but we had not quite got over the shock of not going to camp.

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It has now been definitely and finally decided that the 149th Infantry Brigade do not go to camp this year and as the 150th and 151st Brigades are having their usual camps, this will mean that there will be a lot of leeway to make up next year, as far as our Brigade is concerned.

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As a substitute and to give the men a chance of completing their drills and earning a little pay, we have been allotted two battalion week-end camps at Ponteland and two route marches. We have had both the route marches and one camp and the turn out, especially of the recruits, was creditable.

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In addition to the above, Captain Parmeter had H.Q. Coy. and the recruits out at Gosforth Park for a week-end in July and other company commanders are trying to follow his good example.

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Congratulations to "D" Coy. on winning the Winter Training Cup. There is little doubt that this company has made vast strides of late.

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Congratulations also to "C" Coy. who have won the Musketry Cup, the scores being :—

Company.	% of attendance and general turnout	Musketry average Part I.	Combined %
"A"	54.9	64.1	59.5
"B"	80.7	68.1	74.4
"C"	93.5	68.8	81.1
"D"	85.4	63.7	74.5
"H.Q."	78.4	57.7	68.0

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The results of the Battalion Football Cup to date are as follows :—

"C" Coy. beat "A" Coy. by 4 goals to love.

"H.Q." beat "D" Coy. by 2 goals to love.

"H.Q." have now to play "B" Coy. and the winners play "C" Coy. in the final which is to be played during the next week-end camp at Ponteland on 15th August.

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It is a pity that such an important event cannot be played on something better than a rifle range but we are getting used to making the best of a bad job.

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The Annual Cross Country Run took place at Ponteland on 18th July, the result being as follows :—

1st	"B" Coy.	263 points
2nd	"A" Coy.	206 ,,
3rd	"C" Coy.	163 ,,
4th	"D" Coy.	95 ,,
5th	"H.Q." Coy.	93 ,,

The first six men home were :—

1st	L/Sgt. Fife	"A" Coy.
2nd	Fus. Ellison	"C" Coy.
3rd	Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C.	"B" Coy.
4th	Fus. Howie	"B" Coy.
5th	,, Tomlinson	"D" Coy.
6th	,, Thackeray	"A" Coy.

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We have to report some changes in personnel—Capt. J. L. Challoner retires owing to the exigencies of business and Capt. Bell takes over the command of "A" Coy. Lieut. D. D. Rutherford, M.C., gets his Captaincy and assumes command of "B" Coy.

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We welcome to the Battalion 2nd-Lieut. W. H. Pearer, late Ipswich School Contingent, Junior Division, O.T.C., who has been posted to "B" Coy.

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We regret very much to lose Capt. Challoner who has served the Sixth for 12 years and leaves us with a very good record both in War and afterwards. Capt. Challoner was one of the original subalterns of the 149th Brigade M.G.C., which was, as far is known, the only complete "Fifth" M.G. Coy. We hear he is to be married in the autumn and we feel sure that the best wishes for his success and happiness in life go out to him and his future wife.

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Most of us hope to attend the marriage of our M.O., Mr. Angus, to Miss Gillespie on the 29th July. The Best of Luck to both of them!

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This marriage business is becoming infectious as now Mr. Wilson, our M.G. expert, has announced his engagement to Miss Lee. We understand the marriage is not to take place this year so that those in arrear can breath again.

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The Battalion Sports are to take place on the Brigade Sports Ground on Saturday, the 4th September. The sports committee are already in session and the jeweller touts are out so that it looks as if something might happen.

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As we go to press, we hear a rumour that a permanent territorial camp is to be established at Ripon where each brigade will train yearly and be under canvas with permanent R.E. services. We hope this will not mean the cancelling of the promised Divisional Camp at Catterick in 1928. The advantage of training near, or in conjunction with the regular soldiers, we should have thought were too obvious for comment but, as yet, our Brigade has only read about the happy lot of others more fortunate. Perhaps our time may come but we have our doubts.

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The Corporals are having their annual picnic in August and we are glad to learn that our new Drum-Major, Snowdon, is taking this excellent body of men in hand. It is a pity their Mess has had to be abandoned through lack of accommodation.

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It has been decided to run, during the winter months, an Inter-Company Football League; also an Inter-Company Shooting League on a miniature range. It is also hoped to run company and battalion boxing competitions on more comprehensive lines and also a weekly gymnastic class.

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In a word, the Sports committee and its numerous sub-committees are going to have a very busy time of it.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

21st July, 1926.

Owing to Camp having been washed out this year, the C.O. decided to devote part of the Sports Fund to holding some sort of a Social Function by each Company, at which the troops with their wives and families might foregather—the idea being to do as much as possible to keep things going in these difficult times. He very kindly added a further sum from private funds.

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The result all round has been most pleasing, and much good must have been done towards assuring a steady flow of new recruits in the future.

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Details of the various gatherings will be found in the various Detachment Notes.

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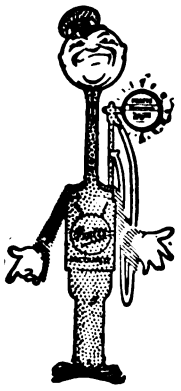

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Higher Authority having at last removed the embargo on Musketry, great headway has been made by "A," "B" and "C" Companies towards the completion of their annual courses.

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The first of a series of five week-end Camps, which are to be our substitute for Annual Training, is to be held at Moor Laws, Alnwick, on the 24th 25th July. This is for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and, being the forerunner of Company week-ends, those attending will have a good opportunity of gaining the knowledge which they are to impart to their commands. It is expected that 20 Officers and 92 N.C.O.'s will be present.

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Courses at Company Headquarters, which have been in progress since February, are now nearly completed. Results show that the decision to hold these courses was justified. The interest has been well maintained throughout.

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C.S.M. Dipper, D.C.M., reported his arrival on the 10th inst. from the 1st Bn. for attachment to the Battalion, pending his appointment as Sergeant-Major on the departure of R.S.M. Rowsell.

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The present strength of the Battalion is 19 Officers 602 Other Ranks.

ALNWICK NOTES.

On the 13th inst. the Detachment at Alnwick were entertained to tea in the Drill Hall. The Ladies' Committee, comprising Mrs. Adlard, Mrs. Rowsell, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Brewis and Miss Adamson, are to be congratulated on the excellent meal they provided, and their unstinted efforts to make the function a success were thoroughly appreciated.

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During the tea, Captain T. Appleby and Captain and Mrs. Trenam visited the Hall, their presence being greatly appreciated.

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After tea, at which approximately 60 (including families) were present, dancing commenced and continued till 11 p.m. The numbers had now been augmented by the arrival of the "prospectives" members of the detachment who still boast of their "single-blessedness."

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Although the heat wave was strongly in evidence, it did not deter the young idea (and a few old 'uns) from endeavouring to emulate the non-stop dance record.

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It was only the fact that dancing had to cease at 11 p.m., coupled with the collapse of the pianist (Mr. J. Aynsley, of Bedlington), that the attempt was not successful.

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In fairness to the M.C.'s it should be mentioned that when the weak condition of the pianist was noticed they immediately indented on "Q" branch for thyroid glands with which to rejuvenate him.

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After a hurried search through medical chests, surgical haversacks, etc., "Q" branch failed to supply, and pleaded that as no such item appeared in the vocabulary of stores, special authority would be required for the issue of same.

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The general arrangements for the tea and dance were carried out by a small committee under Lieut. Adlard, assisted by R.S.M. Rowsell.

MORPETH NOTES.

Although our Annual Training was cancelled this year, good interest has been maintained in the classes being held at the Drill Hall for Section Leaders. The Signalling Course is also proving a great success.

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On 12th July, the Company held a Social Afternoon and Evening—all married members of the Company being invited, with their wives and children, to a tea party.

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There were about 200 present.

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After tea a concert was held, which proved to be a great success also, the programme being contributed to by the following:—Regimental Band, under Bandmaster Moore; Capt. T. Ledgerwood, Lieut. W. Potts, Cpl. Hedley, Fusrs. McMorn, Murphy and H. Robinson.

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One of the features was a "Bran Tub," those having the necessary luck receiving parcels of groceries.

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To wind up our Social Gathering a dance was held, which proved a wonderful success for both young and old.

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During the afternoon we were favoured with a visit from the Adjutant, and also our Sergeant-Major-to-be—S.M. Dipper.

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Thanks are due to Bandmaster Moore, C.S.M. Bradford and Sergt. Dodds, who carried out the general ideas, and who also acted as M.C.'s at the dance, and whose efforts largely contributed to the success of the fun tion. The Company Games Committee also worked very hard.

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Recruits this year are of a very fine standard, as shown by their keenness at drill and also on the Range.

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All Ranks are now looking forward to the week-end camps which are starting soon.

AMBLE NOTES.

The month of July has been a very busy one as far as "C" Company is concerned. We have been allowed to carry on with Musketry, and every available day has been taken in carrying out the different practices which go to make up the Territorial Course.

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Both Rifle and Lewis Gun Practices have been fired, and some very keen shooting has been the result.

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On the 6th July, a Company Tea and Concert was held, at which about 80 members were present.

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The evening was a great success, and should go a long way to help recruiting for the Territorial Army.

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Drills and classes are again in full swing, and although hampered by the hay season, good attendances are to be recorded.

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Recruiting is very satisfactory—the class of man joining being very good indeed. We are hoping to have a good number of recruits before the close of Training, so that we can commence next season with complete sections.

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All Ranks are looking forward to the week-end camps, the first of which is being held on 24th 25th July for Officers and N.C.O.'s, and we should have some very interesting notes for next issue.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

Musketry has now been resumed, but as we are only allowed to fire on our range on week-days rapid progress is not possible.

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Our N.C.O.'s Course has now finished, and this was well attended.

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Sunday, 4th July, was set apart for an outing to Bamburgh, at which about 70 N.C.O.'s and men were present. A most enjoyable journey by char-a-banc, in lovely weather, was thoroughly appreciated. On arrival the Company was met by the Adjutant, and proceeded to the cafe where tea was served. This was voted "A1" by all. Later the Company broke up and sought pleasure in various directions, the majority finding their way to the sands. The return journey was commenced at 7 p.m., and we arrived home about 9, after a most successful day's outing.

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All Officers and N.C.O.'s are going to the week-end camp at Alnwick, assembling on 25th July, and a pleasant time is being looked forward to.

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C.S.M. Dipper, who is to be our new Sergeant-Major, paid us a visit, accompanied by the Adjutant, on the 16th. He saw the N.C.O.'s, also the Officers' class at work.

NOTES FROM ASHINGTON.

As compensation for the Annual Camp, which in military parlance was "washed out," and as a means of providing entertainment for the wives and families of the men of "B" Company of the 7th Bn. North'd. Fusiliers, a Sports Day was held at Ashington on Saturday, 26th June.

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Prizes consisting of parcels of groceries, the gifts of the Bn. and friends of the Company, were offered for competition.

At a happy function held subsequently in the Drill Hall, the Company Officer, Capt. E. H. Watson, presided, and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Trenam, the wife of Capt. and Adjutant R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C.

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Details of the events are as under:—

1925–26 *Enlistments Race.*—1, Fus. Fox; 2, Fus. Tunstall; 3, Fus. Davison.

1920–22 *Enlistments Race.*—1, Fus. Waddle; 2, Fus. Finlay; 3, Fus. Cairns.

Ladies' Egg-and-Spoon Race.—1, Mrs. Thompson; 2, Mrs. Timbers; 3, Mrs. Tinkler.

Open Chariot Race.—Fus. Finlay's team.

Mixed Wheelbarrow Race.—1, Fus. Howell and partner; 2, Sergt. Wade and partner; 3, Fus. Leslie and partner.

Sergeants' Race.—1, Lce.-Sgt. Wade; 2, Sergt. Cobbledick; 3, C.Q.M.S. Adamson.

N.C.O.'s Race.—1, Cpl. Finney; 2, Cpl. Tinkler; 3, Cpl. Kay.

Potato Race.—1, Fus. Leslie; 2, Fus. Collins; 3, Fus. Davison.

Three-legged Race.—1, Fus. Tunstall and Fus. Davison; 2, Fus. Collins and Fus. Green; 3, Cpl. Kay and Fus. Kay.

Cock Fight.—1, Fus. Smith; 2, Fus. Green; 3, Fus. Savage.

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Thompson; 2, Mrs. Milburn; 3, Mrs. Hall.

There was also a programme of juvenile sports.

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In addition to the above prizes each child received a gift of a bag of sweets and an orange (the latter the gift of Mr. W. S. Sanderson), and the troops a packet of cigarettes.

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The Band, under the direction of Bandmaster Moore, played selections during the afternoon.

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The thanks of the Company are due to C.S.M. and Mrs. Timbers for their great assistance.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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July, 1926.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924. 10/- each.

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By the time this is read we shall have removed ourself to the moorland fastness, which annually receives us for three months or so. During this period we shall do our best to reply to correspondence, in a more or less coherent manner, but trust that those who wish to put up to us knotty conun-

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drums will defer doing so until we are again surrounded by the editorial lares and penates.

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When the Silly Season is upon us, it is evidenced by the brevity of Battalion notes. In India this season seems to have started earlier than usual. Consequently it behoves Editors to eke out the pages with fuller Editorial comments, and other artifices. One difficulty here is to find material for comment. A decade of eremitical existence, so far as regimental life is concerned, is apt to make one out of touch with current topics.

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We thought of starting one of those columns, so popular just now in our daily contemporaries, under a heading such as "From the Club Window," "Jottings from a Clubman's Conduct Sheet," "A Liar's Log," or "Here and There."

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Such items as "I looked in at the Beatem and Marrow Ball the other night, where I saw a distinguished Fusilier, who but recently laid aside the Orderly Room chair, vigorously dancing the Charleston with a succession of some of our divinest flappers," would, we feel sure, give rise to many pleasant hours of surmise in the Regimental messes.

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Subscriptions due in August :—

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NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

The General Meeting and Social Dance was held at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, on the 7th July, the Chairman being Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes. There were about 60 present including our Treasurer, Col. D. Sapte, also Brig.-Gen. G. L. H. Armstrong and Capt. J. T. Rowland, Chairman of Committee.

The Secretary reported further progress of the Association, which now numbers 330, and also mentioned that several of our comrades who were in difficulties had been advised and assistance had been obtained for them. Special efforts were being made to obtain employment for those of our comrades who were unfortunately unemployed.

Mention was also made with reference to our Annual Re-Union Dinner on Armistice Night. It was stated that the rendezvous for this year would be the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. 1. It was hoped that members would rally together as we had guaranteed 200 being present.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Hon. Secretary was presented with a clock as a token of approval for his hard work in organizing the O.C.A. It is difficult to over estimate the value of Mr. Morgan's energy and enthusiasm, as an integral factor in the creation and maintenance of such an association as this, and he well deserves the small token of appreciation of which he was the recipient.

A very pleasant evening was afterwards spent in the form of a Social Dance. We thank Mrs. F. W. H. Maunders, wife of Master-Tailor F. W. H. Maunders, late 1st Battalion, who rendered great service to the Social side.

SPORT IN THE FIGHTING SERVICES.

JULY, 1926.

CRICKET.

ARMY *v.* NAVY.

In the annual three days match at Lords the Army beat the Navy by ten wickets. When rain stopped play on the second day the Navy had lost five men in their second innings and required 27 runs to avert an innings defeat. The pitch was slow and easy when they resumed batting, Lt.-Cdr. Bartley saving the innings defeat with a patient 31.

The Army were left with only 25 runs to win and these were made without the loss of a wicket. Earlier, in the Army's first innings, Capt. A. Wilkinson, who, but for his weakness in the field, would probably have played for the Gentlemen, seemed set for his customary 50. He made some beautiful strokes and at 41 was caught and bowled splendidly by S.P.O. Pain. Capt. J. Carr ran up a steady 40 before being out in similar fashion to Wilkinson. Then Lieut. G. Bryan, in a most aggressive mood, scored a characteristic 82. He hit very hard on both sides of the wicket and was never at fault in his timing.

Lieut. Melsome was the most successful Army bowler with 1 for 54 and 6 for 44, whilst Pain secured 3 for 90 for the Navy. Scores :—Army 370 and 29 for no wicket, Navy 249 (Lieut. Shaw 61, Major Brookes 46) and 151 (Major Brooks 33).

ATHLETICS.

INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At the Stadium, Uxbridge. The programme of this, the fourth annual inter-Service championships consisted of 10 events, all being decided on the relay or team system. On the past three occasions the Army have emerged successful, and they paved the way for a further success on this occasion. The results were :—Army, 27 points ; R.A.F., 20 points ; R.N. and R.M., 12 points.

300 *Yards Relay*.—Army. Won by 7 yards.

2 *Miles Relay*.—Army. Won by 5 yards.

3 *Miles Team*.—R.A.F. Won by 6 yards. R.A.F. record, 14 mins. 52 4/5 secs.

Long Jump.—R.A.F. 42 ft. 11 ins.

300 *Yards Hurdles*.—Army.

Putting the Shot.—Army. 77 ft. 2½ ins.

440 *Yards Relay*.—Army. Won by 2½ yards in 44 4/5 secs. Equal inter-Services record.

High Jump.—Army. 11 ft. 7 ins.

Mile Team Race.—R.A.F. Won by 3 yards.

Mile Relay.—Army. Won after a great race by a foot from the R.A.F. Time, 3 mins. 29 2/5 secs., which equals the record made by the Army last year.

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DEATH.

DAVIS.—On the 14th August, 1926, at Dawlish, Frederick Henry, only son of C.S.M. and Mrs. F. E. Davis, 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers, aged 2 years and 21 days.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

2nd-Lieut. H. S. Flowet to be Lieutenant (dated 27th August).

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Capt. J. Cox-Walker, late Spec. Res., to be Captain (dated 10th May), with seniority 25th August, 1923.

2nd-Lieut. C. E. J. Whiting resigns his commission (dated 7th August), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieutenant.

MILITIA.

3rd Bn. North'd. Fus. Major G. C. Holderness relinquishes his commission (dated 11th August), and retains the rank of Major.

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

7th Bn.—Capt. Hon. H. B. Robson, from T.A. Res. of Officers, to be Major (dated 11th August).

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

5th Bn.—Capt. T. A. Johnson, from Active List, to be Captain (dated 14th August).

7th Bn.—Lieut. A. K. Smith resigns his commission, and retains his rank (dated 14th August).

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

The following has been awarded the annuity and Medal for Meritorious Service :—Sgt.-Drummer J. Quigley, late North'd. Fus.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

GLASGOW,
August, 1926.

We are bored with Glasgow. We are bored with saying we are bored with Glasgow. . . . We are bored with saying we are bored with saying we are bored with Glasgow. . . . We are . . . steady now, steady !

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Scientists tell us that the border line between sanity and insanity is ever so teeny-weeny, so that *anyone* might topple over it and hardly know the difference ! Supposing one really did topple over it without knowing !

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Medical men tell us that most people who are mad are quite sure that they are sane. If that is the case, I might be mad now and yet feel quite sure that I am sane. So might you, for that matter. Supposing, then, that you and I really are mad and still think we are sane : in that case, all the people around us whom we imagine to be real and sane perhaps do not exist at all, and are only figments of our disordered minds—we only think they are there.

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Perhaps, on the other hand, you and I are sane and lots of other people around us are mad. That seems much better, for if that is so, then we can account for a lot of things which at the present we cannot understand. We can, for instance, at once write down as insane—

(1) all people who play the bagpipes, or take pleasure in listening to them ;
(2) anyone who indulges in tossing the caber as a pastime ;
(3) several bridge players we know ;
(4) all would-be Channel swimmers ;
(5) most of the French Cabinet ;
(6) most Test Match critics ;
(7) Messrs. A. J. Cook, Herbert Smith, Pussyfoot Johnson and Bernard Shaw ;

and many others whom, in order to avoid dealing in immediate personalities, we refrain from mentioning.

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And yet, sometimes we have grave doubts, for it may well be that you and I are the mad ones after all. Perhaps the sound of the bagpipes is in reality music of such sweetness that we ought to be happy to listen to it day and night. If that be the case, then there is no need for further doubting, for we must verily be damnably mad—hopelessly, irrevocably lost in a crazy, giddy, unending maze of lunatic ideas, where everything is topsy-turvy and inside out, for it maddens us, this noise, this din, this squealing inferno, which they, these sane people, call music, without which they cannot eat a meal, march, or mount a guard.

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From all of which crazy musings, you who read will realise that the indefinite prolongation of our stay in Glasgow is slowly and surely having the effect of undermining our mental equilibrium—we are just wobbling on that border-line between sanity and insanity, so that we almost find ourselves wondering if, after all, it is all just a bad dream from which we will awake with a shudder, to find ourselves safely tucked up in Ballykinlar after all.

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Just two things have aroused our flagging interests sufficiently to ward off sheer lunacy for the time being. We have been rescued, temporarily, from complete dementia by EVENTS ! Yes, it is quite true, events have really been taking place. Our last event before this took place fourteen long weeks ago, shortly after our arrival in Glasgow—so long ago does it seem, that we had almost forgotten it. That was the memorable occasion when our Battalion received a Call during the General Strike. ACTION was required by the military forces at Maryhill Barracks. The honour fell to the Fifth Fusiliers ! One Officer and a mere handful of four or five men were considered sufficient for the task. Well worth our while was it to have come all the way from Ireland to see them go bravely forth, armed to the teeth and warlike in their steel helmets, to watch them as the barrack gates clanged behind them, going out, this handful, into the seething mobs of rioters ! Imagine it, if you can, the long hours of anxious waiting spent by the hundreds left behind in barracks, whilst their comrades went to fulfil their mission ! Would they be able, these few, to do it ? Had not the military authorities, in their anxiety to avoid an unnecessary display of force, underestimated the enormity of the task which awaited them ? Would reinforcements be called for ? If so, who would be the fortunate few to be sent to share the honour ?

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Two hours passed by, and still there was no sign or word from them. No news was good news, so everyone felt, or hoped. If disaster had overcome them we should surely have heard ere this.

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Another hour, and still no news. The Battalion had their dinners and came back to wait. Things were beginning to look ugly.

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They hadn't come back for their dinners !

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At long last, after what seemed interminable hours of waiting, they returned, triumphant and intact. Not a man had been lost ! The Battalion had made history ! Now, if never before or since, we felt that our presence in Glasgow was justified, for, alone and unaided, this little band had accomplished a task of the first magnitude : IT had been escorted by them to ITS destination in Glasgow, without a hitch and without any outside assistance from cavalry, tanks or armoured cars, any or all of which stood ready to assist if called upon. (Small wonder that the whole fabric of the General Strike fell fluttering to the ground

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a few days later, after this admirable demonstration of the capabilities of His Majesty's Forces.)

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IT was one sack of coal. Not a lump had been lost !

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But all this, my readers, happened long, long ago. Whilst it lasted we had our thrill, and then it was all over. Before that, we did nothing in particular ; since then, for fourteen long weeks, we have done nothing in particular.

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We are still waiting . . . waiting for another such Call—or, better still, for our return to Ireland. If these latest events have come only just in the nick of time to rescue us from creeping insanity, is it to be wondered at ?

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Having now, we hope, paved the way for the big thrill, we announce that the events in question were two Athletic Sports meetings in which we took part.

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The first was the Scottish Command Athletic Meeting *and* Highland Gathering. (The Highland Gathering part of these shows is evidently included as a pretext for the introduction of the inevitable bagpipes. By the time the "gathering" was over, we had reason to be reminded forcibly of the definition of a Scotchman, as one who blows on the bagpipes all day, only pausing to exclaim at intervals : "Thank God, I am a Scotchman ! ")

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Before an account of the Sports is given an explanation is necessary as to how we happened to be present at the Scottish Command Meeting.

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It must be explained that in spite of the fact that we have been in Scotland for three and a half months, we do not really belong to the Scottish Command—neither for that matter do the 1st Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt., nor the 2nd Bn. South Staffordshire Regt., nor "Y" Coy. Armoured Cars.

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We all just happen to be in Scotland this summer, and as the number of battalions so "attached" in Scotland was the same as the number permanently stationed here, it was thought that something might be done to include us in the athletic meeting. We fully realised, of course, that, not belonging to the Scottish Command, we could not compete in the championship proper, and so we ran a little "Attached Units" championship all on our own. In this championship each attached unit had one representative in each of the following events :—100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards, 880 Yards, 1 Mile, 3 Miles, Long Jump, High Jump, Hurdles, Shot, Hammer, Pole Jump and Discus.

3, 2 and 1 points were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

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In the 100, 220, 440, and Hurdles, the attached units ran separate races. In the remaining events they competed at the same time as the Scottish Command competitors, their placings counting towards the attached units championship only.

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The attached units also ran a Relay Race (one 880, two 440's, three 220's) separate from the Scottish Command.

We dashed off the 100, 220, 440 and Hurdles in the morning, when no one was looking, as follows :—

Time.	*Event.*	*5th placing.*	FIFTH'S *Representative.*
10.50 a.m. ..	100 *Yds.*	1st	Lt. Kilgour
11.05 a.m. ..	220 *Yds.*	1st	Lt. Kilgour
11.35 a.m. ..	440 *Yds.*	1st	Lt. Kilgour
12.35 p.m. ..	*Hurdles*	1st	Lt. Beckwith

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The Relay Race was run in the afternoon. We won it very easily. Our team was as follows :—880, Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes ; two 440's, Lieut. Kilgour, Fus. Humphrey ; three 220's, Lieut. Beckwith, Lce.-Cpl. Power, Fus. Urwin.

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In the afternoon the first event in which we figured was Throwing the Discus, Lieut. Beckwith representing the Regiment, competing at the same time as the Scottish Command.

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Lieut. Beckwith threw it further than anyone in the Scottish Command.

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Our next event was the High Jump, Lieut. Beckwith again representing the FIFTH. This time, as the lath mounted higher and higher, only Lieut. Beckwith and one representative of the Scottish Command were left in, Lieut. Beckwith, having won the Attached Units competition, hastily retired lest he should repeat his former escapade.

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In the 880 Yards, which followed, Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes and a representative of the 2nd South Staffords occupied 2nd and 3rd places.

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The next event was Throwing-the-Hammer. Here Mr. Beckwith completely disgraced himself. Thrusting aside all modesty and sense of shame, he seized the hammer, whirled it like a madman, and sent it flying through the air. Not only did he throw it further than any Scotsman there, but, worse still, he had the temerity to throw it further than any Scotsman has ever done at the Scottish Command Meeting before. The horror of the FIFTH spectators beggars description.

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There was still one more event left for him, and he still pursued the same unblushing course. Here, however, some lingering sense of modesty must to a certain extent have overcome him. The event was Putting-the-Shot, in which he apparently satisfied himself with beating everyone else there, without assailing the Scottish Command record. It may have been that, already holding the Army record for this event himself, he deemed any further demonstration unnecessary, and perhaps considered such minor affairs as mere Command championships beneath him ; we like to think, however, that it was only his sense of decency which kept him two inches short of the local record.

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In the Pole Jump, Fus. Sherburn, jumping with the Scottish Command competitors, was the only one left in with the Scottish Command winner. Having won his own competition, he retired.

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The Mile and Long Jump had taken place in the morning.

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In the Mile, our representative, Fus. Latimer, finished 4th in the race, being 2nd in the Attached Units championship.

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The Long Jump was another deplorable case of a Fusilier with no sense of the fitness of things. Fus. Urwin had been selected as our representative. He appeared entirely to forget his position as a guest at the meeting. Taking his place amongst the Scotsmen, he rushed to the board at his first jump and beat the Scottish Command record by 5¾ inches. Not satisfied with this, he had, in all, another seven or eight jumps in the course of the eliminations, and never once jumped *less* than the Scottish Command record. Needless to say, he added to the tale of our disgraces by beating everyone there.

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There remained only the Three Miles. Here, at last, thank Heaven! was a Fusilier prepared to swallow his pride in his personal achievements in an endeavour to redeem our lost reputation. He—it was Cpl. Ross—was taking no risks of beating the field in this final event. So intent indeed was he on this point, that when the starter's pistol sounded, he was still chatting unconcernedly in the middle of the arena. The race having started, he made his way to the starting-point, peeling off jacket, sweater and trousers on the way. Having given the leader a comfortable start of about a furlong he set off, ran a gentlemanly race, and finished well in the ruck, taking 3rd place in the Attached Units championship.

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The following table shows results of events—as far as the FIFTH were concerned—which were not included in the preceding one :—

Event.	5th's place in Att'd Units championship.	5th's place in all competitions.
1 *Mile* (Fus. Latimer)	2nd	4th
3 *Miles* (Cpl. Ross)	3rd	—
Long Jump (Fus. Urwin)	1st	1st
High Jump (Lt. Beckwith) ..	1st	Not contested.
Pole Jump (Fus. Sherburn) ..	1st	See notes above
Putting the Shot (Lt. Beckwith) ..	1st	1st
Hammer (Lt. Beckwith)	1st	1st
Discuss (Lt. Beckwith)	1st	1st
880 *Yards* (Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes) ..	2nd	3rd

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As statistics are such fun, here is the final score board in the Attached Units competition :—

Event.	Points. 5th Fusiliers.	Duke of Wellington's.	South Staffords.	"Y" Coy. Armoured Cars.
100 *Yards* ..	3	1	2	—
1 *Mile*	2	1	3	—
220 *Yards* ..	3	—	2	1
440 *Yards* ..	3	1	2	—
880 *Yards* ..	2	—	3	1
3 *Miles*	1	2	3	—
Long Jump ..	3	1	2	—
Hurdles	3	—	2	1
High Jump ..	3	2	—	1
Relay Race ..	3	1	2	—
Hammer	3	2	1	—
Pole Jump ..	3	2	1	—
Shot	3	1	2	—
Total (possible 39)	35	14	25	4

The G.-O.-C. Scottish Command himself very kindly presented a Cup for the best team from amongst the Attached Units, and we have added it to our increasing list of trophies.

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Altogether the 160 odd Fusilier spectators who managed to get over to Edinburgh to see the Sports had every reason to be satisfied with our team's performance; and we take this opportunity of congratulating the team on the excellent form they showed, more especially as at times they laboured somewhat under difficulties. Several of the events in the Attached Units competition were crowded together in the morning, with the result that Lieut. Kilgour had to run the 100, 200 and 400 Yards within the space of little over half-an-hour.

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The Three Miles, again, was started without warning five minutes before the advertised time, with the result that Cpl. Ross was standing watching another event when the starter's pistol went and had to rush to the starting-point pulling off jacket, sweater, etc., and so gave the field a furlong's start.

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Mr. Beckwith and Fus. Urwin are to be congratulated on having beaten all Scottish Command records in the Hammer and Long Jump, respectively. The figures were as follows :—

Hammer .. Scottish Command Record, 89 ft. 3 in.; Mr. Beckwith, 104 ft. 5 in.

Long Jump .. Scottish Command Record, 19 ft. 9¼ ins.; Fus. Urwin, 20 ft. 3 ins.

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The Scottish press reports made no mention of the performances of these two Sassenachs.

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Lest it should appear, however, that our performances have been unduly enlarged upon in these columns at the expense of the Scotsmen, we must give full credit to the latter where it is due, for there were several events at the gathering when they held the floor to our complete exclusion. Some of these were the Piobaireachd, Strathspey and Reel, Gillie Callum, Seawn Truibheas, Highland Fling, etc. In none of these events, sad to relate, did we have a single entry. We understand, however, that in view of the poor prospects of a settlement of the coal dispute, and the consequent probability that we shall still be here next year, a meeting of representatives of Attached Units has since been held to see what can be done to make up for our lamentable backwardness in this branch of athletics. The following alternative suggestions were placed before the meeting and disposed of as shown :—

(1) That Capt. Lindsay, 5th Fusiliers, being of Scottish descent, should forthwith take in hand the training of suitable members of the machine-gun platoon in pipe-playing (should it be "piping"?), Highland Dancing, and Tossing the caber, so that we may take our place in these events next year. Sub-section competitions would take place in January, 1927, with a view to selection of Regimental teams. (After a brief discussion this proposal was abandoned, on the grounds that the Scottish Command would most likely bar us from the competition lest we should win it.)

(2) Assuming, after this year's meeting, that it is almost certain that we shall again only be allowed to have an Attached Units competition, it was suggested that there be a Piccolo Solo competition for *bona-fide* members of the Drums, confined to Attached Units only, commencing at 9 a.m. and finishing at 3 p.m., to be run concurrently with other athletics. This proposal was more favourably received, and led to a discussion as to the most suitable air to be played by competitors. Some difficulty was at first experienced in this matter. Two points were considered of importance :—

(1) That the subject should be the one best calculated to afford a master of piccolo technique adequate opportunities to display the full extent of his talent to the best advantage.

(2) Imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, that we should, as a delicate compliment to the inhabitants of the country, select an English air possessing as nearly as possible the same musical characteristics as the Highland Piobaireachd we had just heard.

These two considerations, combined, led to the unanimous decision that the air should be the well-known English lament, "Who killed Cock Robin?"

It was further decided that the competition should be known as the "Piccolo Gillie Gillie." Necessary instructions, rules, etc., are, we understand, being circulated forthwith to all concerned.

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We now pass straight over to

NORTH IRELAND DISTRICT ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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Here we were more at home. There was not a note from a bag-pipe the whole of the two days, so we are told.

This meeting was held at Ballykinlar on the 19th and 20th of August.

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Our team crossed over to Ireland a day or two before the Sports, and we all very much regretted being unable to go and watch them. Indeed, "regretted" is a very mild word to use for our feelings were far worse than that ; we strongly resented the fact that Fate, or the industrial situation, caused us still to be here whilst the Sports were going on, upon our very doorstep in Ireland. There was, however, the proverbial silver lining to the cloud, for, in the first place, Fusilier spectators were not entirely lacking, the machine-gun platoon was there, the Band was there, and quite a large number of the personnel of an administrative branch of the Battalion were there. Secondly, we had Mr. Holdsworth Hunt at Ballykinlar. Owing to his prodigious efforts as a press agent, we were enabled to follow the meeting, here in Glasgow, almost as well as if we had been at Ballykinlar. A steady flow of telegrams gave us result after result, culminating in the final one as follows :—

"Quarter, first Fusiliers, fifth H.L.I. ; High Jump, unfinished, but we win sports. Writing. Holdsworth."

These telegrams were published in the canteen and elsewhere in barracks, and the flow of news could hardly have been more up-to-date if the results had been broadcast from the ground.

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The following account is given in considerable detail, so that those of us who were unable to see the Sports may follow the events, as far as possible, as they actually happened.

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The writer was not at Ballykinlar, and wishes once again to express his gratitude to Mr. Holdsworth Hunt for providing him with a supply of information so detailed as to enable him to write a far better account than would have been the case had he actually been there himself.

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With the exception of the Relay Race (which did not count towards the Unit championship) and the Three Miles, the first day was devoted to individual championships.

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The weather was dull, but fine, and a strong wind was blowing.

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RESULTS.

100 *Yards*.—Lt. Kilgour and Lt. Beckwith both won their heats. *Final*—1, Pte. Wilson, H.L.I. ; 2, Lt. Kilgour. *Time*, 10 2/5 secs. Won by less than a yard.

220 *Yards*.—Lt. Kilgour won his heat easily, defeating Pte. Wilson, who had beaten him in the 100 Yards. Wilson, 2nd. Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh, 2nd in his heat. *Final*—Lt. Kilgour drew outside berth and was bumped rather badly most of the way round. 1, Pte. Wilson, H.L.I. ; 2, Lt. Kilgour ; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh, 5th Fus. *Time*, 24 2/5 secs.

440 *Yards*.—Lt. Kilgour did not compete. Lce.-Cpl. Power and Fus. Humphrey both won their heats easily. *Final*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus. ; 2, Fus. Humphrey, 5th Fus. ; 3, Cpl. Sheppard, W. Yorks. *Time*, 55 1/5 secs.

880 *Yards*.—Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes reserved himself for the Relay Race, and did not run. Fus. Humphrey, 2nd in his heat, easing up. Lce.-Cpl. Whitfield 5th in his heat. *Final*—1, Cpl. Haywood, W. Yorks. ; 2, Fus. Humphrey, 5th Fus. *Time*, 2 mins. 8 secs.

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A very fast start. Humphrey led by 5 yards at the end of the first lap (440 yards). Haywood ran away from him half way round 2nd lap, and won by 20 yards; 20 yards between 2nd and 3rd.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—Lt. Beckwith and Lt. Kilgour did not run. Lt. Jones won his heat. *Final*—1, Lt. Oliver, W. Yorks; 2, Lt. Clarke, Sherwood Foresters; 3, Lt. Jones, 5th Fus.

Throwing the Hammer.—1, Lt. Beckwith, 5th Fus., 125 ft. 4 ins.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 5th Fus., 105 ft. 11½ ins.; 3, Sgt. Morrison, H.L.I., 97 ft. 6 in. Lt. Beckwith's throw of 125 ft. 6 ins. beats the Army record of 123 ft. 6 ins.

Throwing the Javelin.—1, Lt. Beckwith, 5th Fus., 141 ft. 4½ ins.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Carey, H.L.I., 129 ft. 10½ ins.

Throwing the Discus.—1, Lt. Beckwith, 5th Fus., 109 ft. 8 ins.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, 5th Fus., 105 ft. 6 ins.; 3rd, Capt. Ross, H.L.I., 97 ft. 7 in.

(There being nothing else left to throw, Lt. Beckwith retired at this point till the next day.)

Pole Jump.—1, Sgt. Crawley, W. Yorks, 9 ft. 4 ins.; 2, Fus. Sanderson, 5th Fus., 9 ft. 3 in.

Three Miles (Team and Individual).—

The first three individuals home were all H.L.I. competitors. *Time*, 15 mins. 45 2/5 secs.

Team placings were as follows:—1, W. Yorks; 2, H.L.I.; 3, 5th Fus.; 4, D.L.I.; 5, Foresters. Our team consisted of Cpl. Ross, Lce.-Cpl. Keeling, Fus. Latimer, Fus. Macklam.

The Race. At the end of the first mile Latimer, Macklam and Keeling were running well packed 10 yds. behind the leading man, and occupying 8th, 9th and 10th places. Cpl. Ross lay 14th.

At 1½ miles the same three were 7th, 8th and 9th. Ross still 14th.

At two miles: Latimer 4th, Macklam 7th, Keeling 9th, Ross 12th.

At beginning of last lap, Latimer 3rd, Macklam 7th, Keeling 9th, Ross 10th.

Final places—Latimer 4th, Macklam 5th, Keeling 8th, Ross 9th.

Unit Relay Race (220, 440, 880, 220 Yds.).—Five teams competed, and the FIFTH drew outside berth.

1st 220 Yards.—Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh had a difficult task starting from the outside. Ran very well, and finished 5th.

440 *Yards.*—Lt. Kilgour took the lead at once, ran a good race, and finished 10 yds. ahead of the field.

880 *Yards.*—Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes ran an excellent race. For the first lap he maintained his lead of ten yards, then drew away and finished the second lap forty yards ahead.

220 *Yards.*—Fus. Urwin won by 40–50 yds. easing up.

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The Inter-Unit Team Championships were due to begin at 2.30 p.m. on the second day. Very heavy rain fell all day until 1.30 p.m., and there were two more showers before four o'clock. This in no way damped the ardour of the competitors, who were all ready to start at 2.30. The effect on the morale of the judges, however, was such that they did not arrive till 4 p.m., by which time it was fine and sunny, but blowing half a gale.

In track events Units were represented by teams of four, and in all except the Mile races were run in relays. In the field events Unit teams consisted of two competitors each. In all events 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 marks were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places respectively.

Events are given in the order in which they took place:—

100 *Yards.*—A good race and very exciting, ending in a close finish.

1st Relay—Fus. Urwin, 5th Fus., finished 1st—very close.

2nd Relay—Lce.-Cpl. Power, 5th Fus., finished equal 1st.

3rd Relay—Lt. Beckwith, 5th Fus., just 1st.

4th Relay—Lt. Kilgour, 5th Fus., won by 2 yds.

Result.—1, 5th Fus.; 2, H.L.I.; 3, W. Yorks; 4, Sherwood Foresters; 5, D.L.I. *Time* 43 1/5 secs.

Putting-the-Weight (Team and Individual).—

Individual result.—1, Lt. Beckwith, 5th Fus.; 2, Capt. Ross, H.L.I. *Distance*, 40 ft. 1½ ins.

Team result.—1, 5th Fus., 73 ft. 3½ ins. (Lt. Beckwith, 40 ft. 1½ in.; Lce.-Cpl. Stobbard, 33 ft. 2½ ins.); 2, H.L.I., 71 ft. 11½ in.; 3, W. Yorks, 66 ft. 1½ in.; 4, D.L.I., 63 ft. ½ in.; 5, Foresters, 56 ft. 6½ ins.

220 *Yards.* We were again unlucky and drew outside berth.

1st Relay.—Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh finished 4th, 5 yds. behind Capt. Ross, H.L.I., who had drawn 2nd berth from the inside, and handed over to

2nd Relay.—Lce.-Cpl. Power, who ran very strongly and finished with a slight lead.

3rd Relay.—Lt. Beckwith handed over a lead of 8 yds. to

4th Relay.—Lt. Kilgour, who won by 15 yds. amidst great excitement of Fusilier spectators.

Result.—1, 5th Fus.; 2, W. Yorks; 3, H.L.I.; 4, Foresters; 5, D.L.I. *Time*— 1 min. 38 secs.

Long Jump (Team and Individual).—

Individual result.—1, Lt. Oliver, W. Yorks, 21 ft. 4½ ins.; 2, Sgt. Morrison, H.L.I.

Team result.—1, H.L.I., 41 ft. 7 ins.; 2, 5th Fus., 40 ft. 6½ ins.; 3, W. Yorks, 39 ft. 7½ ins.; 4, D.L.I., 38 ft. 10½ ins.; 5, Foresters, 37 ft. 11 ins.

FIFTH representatives: Lt. Kilgour, 20 ft. 6 ins.; Fus. Urwin, 19 ft. 7 ins.

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At this stage the score board read (including the 3 Miles run the previous day):—

5th Fusiliers, 22 pts.; W. Yorks, 18 pts.; H.L.I., 20 pts.

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120 *Yards Hurdles* provided a thrill for our spectators. The race went as follows:—

1st Relay—Lieut. Kilgour 1st by about a yard.

2nd Relay—Lt. Carr-Ellison 2nd by about a yard.

3rd Relay—Lt. Jones equal 1st.

4th Relay—Lt. Beckwith won by two flights!!

Spectators wild with excitement!

Result.—1, 5th Fus.; equal 2, H.L.I. and W. Yorks; 4, Foresters; 5, D.L.I. *Time*, 1 min. 13 1/5 secs.

880 *Yards.*—FIFTH team and order of running:—Fus. Humphrey, Lce.-Cpl. Whitfield, Lce.-Cpl. Ashton, Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes.

Fus. Humphrey was 4th at the end of the first lap, took the lead at first corner of second lap, and finally handed over 2nd, 5 yds. behind the leading man.

Lce.-Cpl. Whitfield was still 2nd, 5 yds. behind the first man, at the end of first lap. He ran a very fine second lap, and finally handed over 5 yds. ahead of the field.

Lce.-Cpl. Ashton finished the first lap 2nd, and the second lap 3rd, 3 yds. behind W. Yorks, who were leading.

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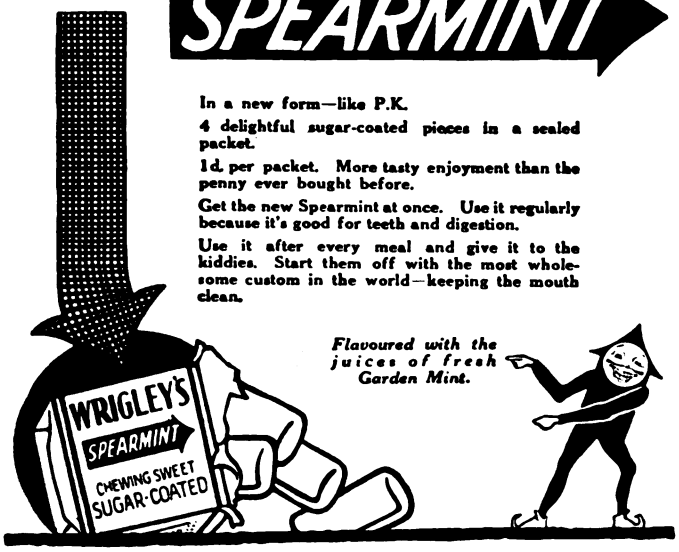

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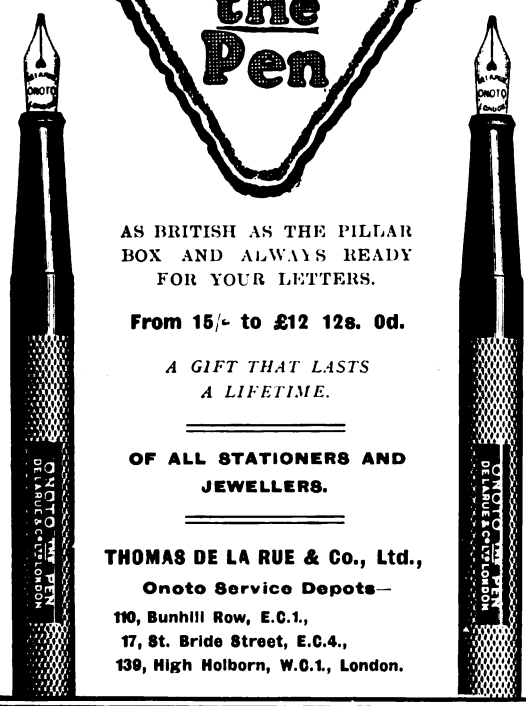

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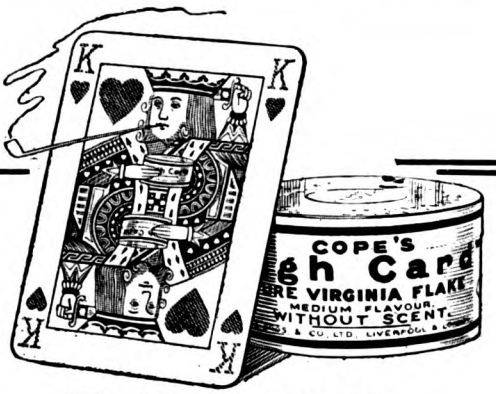

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Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes started the first lap fast, and was occupying 3rd place at the end of it. In the second lap he ran excellently, and finished 2nd, 8 yds. behind the West Yorks' 1st string.

Result.—1, W. Yorks; 2, 5th Fus.; 3, H.L.I.; 4, D.L.I.; 5, Foresters. *Time*, 9 mins. 3/5 secs.

440 *Yards.*—Once more we drew outside berth.

1, Lce.-Cpl. Power started and finished with a lead of 8 yds.

2, Fus. Jackson ran well, and kept his lead of 8 yds.

3, Fus. Humphrey gained a further 10 yds. and handed over 18 yds. ahead.

4, Lt. Kilgour took things easily, because he was competing in the High Jump immediately after, and won by 12 yds. easing up.

Result.—1, 5th Fus.; 2, D.L.I.; 3, W. Yorks; 4, Foresters; 5, H.L.I. *Time*, 3 mins. 52 3/5 secs.

High Jump (Team and Individual).

Individual result.—1, Sgt. Morrison, H.L.I.; 2, Lt. Clarke, Foresters. *Height*, 5 ft. 4 ins.

Team result.—1, 5th Fus., 10 ft. 4 ins. (Lt. Kilgour, 5 ft. 3 ins.; Lt. Beckwith, 5 ft. 1 in.); 2, H.L.I., 10 ft. 2 ins.; 3, W. Yorks and Foresters (equal), 10 ft. 1 in.; 5, D.L.I., 8 ft. 11 ins.

Mr. Beckwith, who can usually be relied upon for at least 5 ft. 5 in., found the wet take-off very troublesome. Mr. Kilgour was unlucky to strain a muscle in his leg at 5 ft. 3 ins.

One Mile.—Our team consisted of Cpl. Ross, Fus. Latimer, Fus. Macklam, Lce.-Cpl. Bellwood. Fus. Latimer started the race with a bad ankle, so his performance is all the more praiseworthy.

At the end of the first lap our team lay as follows:—Bellwood 1st, Ross 8th, Macklam 9th, Latimer 11th.

End of second lap: Bellwood 1st, Macklam 4th, Ross 8th, Latimer 11th.

Third lap: Bellwood still leading, Macklam moving up. At the end of the lap places were: Macklam 1st, Bellwood 5th, Latimer 9th, Ross 10th.

Fourth lap.—Bellwood losing ground.

Final places.—Machlam 4th, Ross 6th, Latimer 7th, Bellwood 8th.

Individual result.—1, Cpl. Haywood, W. Yorks; 2, Cpl. Farren, H.L.I.; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Judge, H.L.I. *Time*, 4 mins. 52 3/5 secs.

Team result.—1, W. Yorks; 2, 5th Fus.; 3rd, H.L.I.; 4, D.L.I.; 5, Foresters.

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At the end of the day the score board read as follows:—

	5th Fus.	W. Yorks.	H.L.I.	D.L.I.	Foresters.
Three Miles ..	3	5	4	—	—
100 *Yards* ..	5	3	4	1	2
Putting-the-Shot ..	5	3	4	2	1
220 *Yards* ..	5	4	3	1	2
Long Jump ..	4	3	5	2	1
Hurdles	5	3½	3½	1	2
880 *Yards* ..	4	5	3	2	1
440 *Yards* ..	5	3	1	4	2
High Jump ..	5	2½	4	1	2½
One Mile	4	5	3	2	1
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Total (out of possible 50) ..	45	37	34½	16	14½

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So ended a great day. When our team left Glasgow we were fairly confident that they would win, and they have not disappointed us. Every member of the team played his part well, and there was no one who did not make a valuable contribution to our pile of points.

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In some events this year our times were not quite so good as last year, but it must be remembered that last year, on the Rhine, the Sports were run on a perfect track under ideal weather conditions. This year they were run on grass which had been subjected to heavy rain all morning and the weather conditions were anything but ideal.

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In spite of the fact that this year we were without Lce.-Cpl. Obey, who represented us last year in the 100, 220, 440 Yards, High Jump and Long Jump, substitutes have not been lacking, and we still retain our supremacy in the sprints. Our Half-Mile team is well-balanced, and in the Mile and Three Miles, which for some years have been our weak spot, we showed very much improved form. With Latimer and Bellwood much improved, and promising newcomers in Lce.-Cpls. Whitfield and Keeling, and Fus. Macklam, together with Cpl. Ross, we should no longer be afraid of being unable to hold our own in the longer distances. We hope the ghost of "no long-distance runners" has at last been laid.

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Other newcomers who did well in the shorter distances, and who should be useful for some years to come, are Fus. Jackson and Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh, whilst Urwin, who would have been in most battalion teams a year or two ago, is running well and showing great improvement in the Long Jump.

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All last year's team—Lt. Beckwith, Lt. Kilgour, Lce.-Cpls. Power, Rhodes and Ashton, and Fus. Humphrey—remain as thoroughly reliable as ever, a veritable pillar of strength on to which, by degrees, we are able to graft the new talent as it comes up.

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Although, in a team where everyone did so well, distinctions might seem out of place, no account would be really complete without special reference being made to the wonderful performances of Lt. Beckwith and Lt. Kilgour.

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The former, in addition to assisting his regimental team in the 100 Yards, 200 Yards, Hurdles, High Jump and Shot (in which he also won the individual prize), also in the individual championships won the Hammer with a throw which beat the Army record, and after that won the Javelin and Discus—a record for an all-round athlete which there must be very few to beat.

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Lt. Kilgour was one of the regimental team in each of the 100, 220, 440 Yards, High Jump and Long Jump, and in addition ran 2nd in the individual 100 and 220 Yards, and laid the foundation of our victory in the Relay Race by running another excellent 440 Yards.

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There are several more bouquets to be handed out:—

(1) To Lt. Carr-Ellison, for the capable way he carried out the duties of team leader, a more troublesome job sometimes than perhaps many might imagine.

(2) Another for Lt. Beckwith, for his enthusiasm in training others for field events and so bringing about a general

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improvement in this respect. Lce.-Cpl. Stobbard is a notable case, as it is chiefly through Lt. Beckwith's instruction that he is now very useful with the Hammer, Shot and Discus.

(3) One to the "Flying Four," who retain their unbeaten record in the Hurdles.

(4) Last, but not least, a big one for their enthusiasm, to Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Wiggins and Miss Beckwith, who spectated every minute of the two days, heats, finals and all, a great deal of the time in unpleasant weather.

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Turning from athletics, we find little more of interest to be told. We are still making ourselves useful in little ways in Scotland. "W" Coy. are looking after the Powder Factory at Ardeer, in relief of "Y" Coy. We conduct range practices for the Royal Scots, likewise for the South Staffords.

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This week two Officers are going away 90 miles to conduct range practices for Royal Scots on detachment.

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Our pain at finding that the North Ireland Command has not fallen to pieces through our departure is mitigated by the satisfaction of knowing that we are handy people to have about in Scotland.

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One day earlier in the month, Maryhill Barracks was crowded to witness the presentation of Colours by H.R.H. Princess Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Scots, to her Regiment. The FIFTH lined one side of the square.

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That concludes our news items for this month.

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And now, what next? We have had the Scottish Command Sports, the N.I.D. Sports, and the Test Match. What is there that remains to give us an interest in life whilst we are in Glasgow?

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Certainly not the coal situation, as it stands at present. After 17 weeks of the senseless stoppage, with its fluctuations, we become a little tired of it. One day we read in the papers that the men's leaders seek a meeting with the owners for a peaceful settlement. The press begins to discuss hopes of peace. Some interest is aroused, and the words which fall from the lips of Cabinet Ministers, miners' leaders, or owners are given exaggerated significance. Cabinet Ministers are reported to have said this, or owners that. Detailed reports are made of speeches by miners' leaders who are literally pining for peace all of a sudden. Mr. Cook has undergone a complete metamorphosis. The crude, loud-mouthed expounder of noisy nothings, to whom such expressions as "dirty swine," "skulking cad," "to hell with the Empire," etc., are as household words when he refers to Ministers of the Crown, or to the Empire, has of a sudden become a veritable sucking dove, coo-ing gently of peace and harmony and goodwill. What can be the meaning of it all?

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The day of the meeting arrives. Interested at last, we buy an evening paper and are greeted with the headlines, "Breakdown of Local Parleys," "Meeting of Representatives a ninety minutes' farce," etc.

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What, then, can have been their object in seeking the meeting and so widely advertising their sudden laudably peaceful aspirations? Could it be that they felt an uncomfortable weakening in their grasp of the situation, and wished to find out if anyone else was experiencing the same trouble? Or was it, as we suspected, another of the usual transparent manœuvres, to ask for a meeting and then to go to it having made quite sure that the terms they would offer would prove unacceptable, and so to throw the blame of the strife on to the other side for the time being? So that was what it was all about, this oozing goodwill business!

These questions remain unanswered. All we know is that to all intents and purposes the country is exactly where it was on 1st May, and hundreds of millions out of pocket.

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We go back again to the same old idiotic news. We read that thousands of miners are returning to work. In the next column we see how Mr. Cook, in a London speech, rejoices in the "unbroken front" and "wonderful solidarity" of his followers, and then takes the next express train to the Midlands to try and restore his "unbroken front"—where a lump of 20,000 men have fallen away from it—by cajoling those whom he claims as his loyal followers, or threatening them, or calling them "scabs" and "black legs."

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So the dreary farce drags itself out, whilst everyone else suffers.

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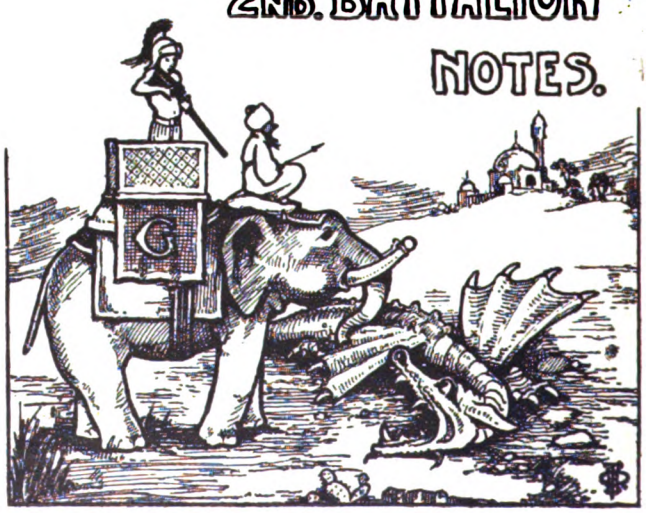
Apart from a sensation of disgust, the dispute leaves us absolutely cold. True, we are interested in its ending, and that is almost all. So warped and circumscribed is the outlook thrust upon us by our present existence, that the actual manner of its ending has become almost a matter of indifference to us—so long as it ends—for then, and not till then, apparently, are we to escape this somewhat demoralising existence and return to normal, healthy soldiering.

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,
22nd July, 1926.

The past month has mainly been exciting owing to the constant changes of plan with regard to Hill moves. These alterations were necessitated by the great heat and the failure of the

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monsoon to arrive, which would have rendered a long train journey highly dangerous.

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However, the Advance Party starts to-day, just about a month behind schedule, and we hear that the monsoon has more than made up for lost time, and in fact rather overdone its part by removing the greater part of the road between Kathgodam and Ranikhet.

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We have entered a team for the Indian Association Football Shield at Calcutta, and so far have survived the first round, defeating Bengal Engineering College 7—0, and played Cossipore Artillery yesterday (21st) in the second round, but the results have not yet been released by the telegraph office.

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The *Statesman's* account of the match was rather flattering. Briefly it was to the effect that "it was hard to get a line as to the real strength of the Fusiliers' team, as their goalkeeper, Fus. McGiven, never handled the ball, and had the forwards not taken things easily after half-time, the score might well have been 12—0."

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Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock scored 5 of the goals.

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Mr. McLean, who is in Calcutta as Adjutant of the Eastern Bengal Railway Battalion, with the local rank of Captain, has kindly taken charge of the team throughout the tournament, and is seeing to their welfare.

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Our two strongest opponents still surviving appear to be the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the North Staffordshire Regiment; the latter of these have just passed into the third round by defeating the South Staffordshire Regiment by 5 goals to 4. There are, however, several good civilian teams.

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We are bidding good-bye in the near future to C.S.M. I.M. Hodsell, who is leaving us to try his luck in New Zealand. We wish him and his family health and prosperity.

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Mr. Humphreys has returned from a hasty two months in the United Kingdom, with excellent news of his father's recovery, but in a very indifferent state of health himself. He is going to the Naini Tal Convalescent Home, from which we wish him a speedy return.

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All concerned must be congratulated on the improvement in Lewis Gun shooting this year, and particularly in the reduction of numbers unqualified.

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Averages range from "D" Company 120 points to "A" Company with 97 points, but the latter have still some good shots to fire, who should raise "A" Company's figure well over the 100.

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It is hoped that a similar gratifying improvement will be seen in Musketry this year, as a result of the sound strenuous work which has been put in since the last classification. Our new District, Peshawar, has laid down 80 points as good for rifle, and 110 as good for Lewis gun.

We can reach the latter this year, and should be well up in the seventies in the former, if the Battalion continues to improve at the same rate throughout classification in the hills.

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Rugby is in full swing and all Companies are taking it up. The move of three-quarters of the Bn. to the Hills will end what has promised to be a very successful season.

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The main parties as at present arranged leave for the Hills on 11th and 13th August, provided that the rains and Hill roads permit.

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Owing to the late arrival of the monsoon, Nowshera has had a bad time, and we have been fortunate in escaping this hot weather there. The omens point to reasonable weather there in 1927.

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Battalion Headquarters and "B" Company will be the sole occupants of Fyzabad for the next three months, as the 9th Jats are probably leaving earlier than was expected.

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Heard near the Magazine.

Sentry (giving over orders): "I will halt all civilised persons approaching my post."

Captain of the Week: "Well! do you consider I am a civilised person?"

Sentry: "No, Sir!"

Captain of the Week: "Why not?"

Sentry: "Because I knows you, Sir."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Our congratulations are extended to C.S.M. Moon and Miss Kirkham on their marriage, which took place in July at the Military Hill station of Landau.

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The monsoon weather has put an end to most outdoor sport—yet we have managed to get in some hockey with several of the Companies.

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An effort is being made to run a Rugby XV., with "Chips" Jackson as leader of the pack and Sergt. Heron as fly-half.

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The following members have left with the Advance Party to the Hills:—C.S.M. Hodsell, C.S.M. Scott, Sgts. Earl, Wood, Shaw, Parkin, Hart. With Sgts. Holmes and Hunter already in the Hills, this leaves us rather depleted in numbers.

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C.S.M. Hodsell leaves us shortly, after 19 years' service, most of which has been spent in the Regiment. He is going into civil life as a Colonist, and the Regiment's loss is New Zealand's gain.

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Congratulations to Sergt. and Mrs. Ingham on the arrival of a son.

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C.S.M. Beck is on leave in Calcutta, where he hopes to cheer the Battalion football team to victory, and to return with a bright account of a better land.

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DEPÔT NOTES.

PONTELAND,
23rd August, 1926.

We marched to Ponteland on the 6th of this month, after the advance party found by July Squad, who had not yet had a day's training, had pitched the camp.

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Last year we were quartered in the huts owned by the Territorial Association, but this year, partly because the huts were required for Territorial week-end camps and partly because we wanted to do so, we went into tents. We believe that we are the first to go under canvas for a month as a complete Depôt, and the experiment is being watched with interest by Area and Command Headquarters, and apparently with some alarm by other Depôts who have not such good places to camp in as we have and pride themselves on having no illusions about the advantages of camp life.

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So far the camp has been successful. The change from a year of barrack life alone has made it worth while, and the effect of life in the fresh air has a marked influence on our work.

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Thanks to the co-operation of the Headquarters Northumbrian Area, we have an ample number of tents and five hospital marquees for dining halls and messes. The camp is laid out in accordance with regimental traditions, with an abundance of flags to mark the lines. The Headquarter flags are as laid down in Standing Orders, the Depôt Staff fly "X" Company's flag, or "D" Company's in the 2nd Bn., the Recruit Company "B" Company's, and the Training Cadre "F" Company's.

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The 5th and 6th Bns. have held week-end camps during our stay here. A horrible spirit of commercialism seems to have crept into our dealings with the Territorial Army as a result. Bartering begins before the Battalion has fairly debussed on the following sort of scale :—

1 Training Cadre Demonstration: = 1 Band and Drums to play us to Church.

1 Beer for Quartermaster: = 1 hut for us.

Marking out sports ground = flags and other kit for our sports, which take place on the already marked-out ground.

Use of our Canteen by T.A. = excess profits for us.

Education of young Officers (including allowing them to do our job) = much rest for our Officers.

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As the 5th Bn. contributor so kindly said in his last notes, How much the Territorial Battalions do owe us, to be sure !

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The Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and the Training Cadre spent a most enjoyable week at Strensall, as the Headquarters of No. 3 Bn. of the Public Schools O.T.C. Camp. They arrived there with a very hazy idea of what was required of them— the Officers with dim recollections of their own school corps, the N.C.O.'s with completely open minds. They did not know even such elementary facts as that on field days, where the soldiers' ambition is to avoid firing a round of blank at almost any cost, cadets will almost mutiny if not allowed to fire off at least thirty rounds, and become insubordinate if prevented from doing so in their enemies' faces at a range of five feet. It did not take them long to discover, as umpires, that in order to hold up an advance of cadets a force of umpires at least double their number is necessary. If, as an umpire, you want a section of cadets to advance with all possible speed you merely say to their commander, "Stay here till I come back," walk away about six paces, close your eyes, count five and turn about. On re-opening the eyes the required evacuation will be found to have been completed.

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A Rifle Meeting has been going on now for the last three weeks, and we have now only two events to complete. In rifle meetings, as in mountain warfare, it is advisable to get back home before dark, especially as a pass usually has to be negotiated.

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The Boxing Meeting for this quarter is being held out here, with a stop-butt as gallery. Boxing in the open air doesn't seem so satisfying as indoors. A clout with the open glove can't be heard and passes without the usual "ooo" from the spectators. Also impetuous young beagle puppies occasionally dash in to lap up the blood—the wind disseminates the secret opinions of the judges throughout the crowd if they let go their pieces of paper, and altogether there is a lack of decorum about the whole show.

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The Sports are being run next Friday, and should be successful if the weather is fine, but, on the other hand, if the weather is wet the Sports will not be so successful.

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Motto for contributors :—"When you have nothing else to say—shut up."

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd August, 1926.

The item of chief interest to record this month is the Annual Inspection by Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O., Commanding the Northumberland Infantry Brigade (T.A.), which was carried out at Battalion Headquarters on Wednesday, 4th August. The large dining table of the Officers' Mess, reinforced by two extra leaves, just managed to sustain the weight of the many scores of documents, records, books and what-nots. In addition, this massive table managed to balance a large number of the Regimental Accounts—a feat which has hitherto baffled the strength and ingenuity of many of the rank and fashion. The documents, clothing, transport vehicles and harness were seen by the Brigadier, who expressed himself as satisfied with what he saw.

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The date of the Battalion Rifle Meeting has been postponed from Saturday, 21st August, to Saturday, 28th August, to suit the convenience of the Prudhoe Guards, who will be showing their leeks on the date originally arranged.

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Capt. Watson, our Quartermaster, has been up to Scotland for a short period of well-earned leave. We understand that he made a special point of visiting the Perth Dye Works, where Trousers, S.D. (Part-worn), were put through a special process before being re-issued to their new owners, and now feels competent to answer all questions thereon—however unexpected they may be.

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The Adjutant has also been away on leave during the latter part of the month, and is, we understand, trying to beat the bookies at York.

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Our Training Grant Allotment is overdrawn, so that everything is rather at a standstill, except for the completion of the ordinary training and musketry, and the forthcoming Company Competitions.

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

August, 1926.

On 24th and 25th July we held our Week-end Camp at Allendale. Of course it rained, and this upset somewhat our pre-arranged training programme; some useful work was done, however. Arriving at the camp site before "Y" Coy., we found quite a few tents that, if they were not dry, they at least were not standing in the middle of a pond. We saw certain members of "Y" Coy. making punts out of empty oil tins—they retrieved several tent pegs in this manner. The turn-out of the Company was very satisfactory, 106 Officers, N.C.O.'s and men attending. We did not hear of any untoward incidents during the week-end.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

August, 1926.

Again we find great difficulty in subscribing our allotted portion of notes. Somehow or other, time hangs heavily, from a military point of view, just at this time of the year, and perforce our activities are confined to a few conscientious members of the Sergeants' Mess nightly plotting some ferocious method of beating the Officers at any or all games of prowess.

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They have just given the Officers a jolly good licking at

The score pleased the R.S.M. and he smiled in a cruel sort of way,
but the Adjutant looked hurt,
whilst the C.O. seemed quite content.
Officers versus Sergeants - Miniature Range - Billiards - Whist.

billiards, shooting and whist, and there are now rumours of cricket, rounders, ping-pong and more billiards.

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When looking over the scores in our last competition it is rather interesting to note that the Champion Company has prowess in other directions besides Cup-winning.

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On the miniature range the top score on either side was produced by a member of "X" Company, as was also the case of the Officers' side at billiards; while on the Sergeants' side at the latter game an "X" Coy. member got a possible.

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After being left out in the cold, so to speak, as regards camp for the current year, it is very cheering to note that to some extent we are to be given the choice of next year's camping ground.

Shortly we expect to have company competitions as a means of keeping ourselves in touch with matters such as "Fire

NEWBURN SERGEANTS' ANNUAL OUTING.
REFRESHMENTS NO. 1.

orders," "Platoon in attack" on the sand table, and "Turning-out" in full marching order, the winners in each case to receive prizes.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

(NEWBURN DETACHMENT.)

August, 1926.

The Annual Outing was held on Sunday, 1st August, which consisted of a trip to the Lake District. All members agreed

NEWBURN SERGEANTS' ANNUAL OUTING.
REFRESHMENTS NO. 2.

that a very enjoyable day was spent, thanks to the Committee, whose arrangements were perfect, even to selecting a fine day.

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER ON-TYNE,

August, 1926.

Since the last notes were written we have held two week-end training camps at Ponteland in lieu of annual camp. Luckily the weather was kind to us—an exception to the general rule—and although these week-ends were a very poor substitute for camp, a certain amount of very useful organisation and training was carried out, the "piéce de resistance" being an anti-aircraft action practice whilst on the march, with an actual aeroplane in attendance. This 'plane was kindly lent on both week-ends by the Newcastle-on-Tyne Aero Club. The pilot gallantly came to a very low altitude and nose dived, twisted and turned just above the heads of our infantry, but whichever way he went he came under the fire of at least one platoon per company. Had real ammunition been used we feel sure he would have soon been on the ground *hors de combat.*

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On the second week-end we found the Depôt of the Regiment carrying out a month's camp, which added to the gaiety of the place. We were much struck by the display of numerous little flags; there seemed to be a flag outside each tent—Adjutant's flag, Permanent Staff flag, Cadre flag, Quartermaster's flag, Administrative flag, Training flag, and others. A very useful "swap" was arranged with the Depôt. We lent them our Band and Drums for Church Parade on the 8th August, and in return they lent us their Training Cadre and gave us a very instructive demonstration of the Platoon in Attack.

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On the evening of the 7th August some of the Officers of the Depôt paid our temporary Mess a visit, and we were regaled with reminiscences by a certain versatile veteran of life in the Army in the 'eighties; we were much struck with the lurid language which appeared to be in vogue in those far-off days, both on and off parade; but these were hard times, and hard times breed hard men.

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The nights at Ponteland were somewhat disturbed, in some cases, by massed attacks of fleas, supported by aircraft in the shape of moths, which latter had an unpleasant habit of landing on the bare tablelands of the body, presumably to deliver urgent messages to the flea battalions.

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Approximately 260 of all ranks were present at each camp.

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On 31st July a very successful Gala was held on the Brigade Sports Ground. A large number of Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men, with their families and sweethearts, were present, and a very happy afternoon was passed away amid balloon races, children's races, cocoanut shies, Punch and Judy shows, teas, etc. Again we were much beholden to the Newcastle Aero Club, who kindly sent an aeroplane over and gave a display of looping the loop, etc., and finished off by diving down repeatedly and dropping india-rubber balls for the children.

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We were very pleased to see our Divisional Commander, Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., and his wife.

All credit is due to Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C., and his Committee on producing such a good show, which ran to its end without a hitch.

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Two other events are looming—one in the distance and one quite close. The former is a Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate on the 2nd and 3rd October; the latter is the annual inspection in quarters on the 25th August. The former is looked forward to with pleasure, as apart from the interest of the work there is always the "Kursaal" to look forward to in the evening. The latter is not looked forward to in quite the same way, and there is a steady rush of automobiles to Drill Halls in the evenings, and mutterings about "those damned A.F.'s 121," and other matters that seem to require attention.

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There is already a rumour that there will be a "seaside camp" next year. We hope so, as it will be some consolation for not going to camp this year.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

30th August, 1926.

Training has been very active during the last month. "D" Coy. had a successful week-end camping at Hartley, and "B" and "C" Coys. combined and had a week-end at Mitford Hall by courtesy of Mr. Bertram Mitford, who gave the use of his house and grounds for the benefit of the Companies concerned.

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Another successful Battalion week-end camp was held on the 14th and 15th of August at Ponteland, where there was an attendance of 430 N.C.O.'s and men. Unfortunately the week-end was wet, so very little training or sports could be indulged in.

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At this week-end camp the C.O. announced that the Duke of Northumberland's Cup for the current year had been won by "D" Company, and the Worsley Gough Cup by Headquarter Company. Congratulations to both these Companies on their successful efforts.

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Headquarter Company held a very successful Sports Meeting on the Brigade Sports Ground on the 11th August. As this was organised by way of an experiment in order to discover talent and to increase the interest in the Battalion, it was very gratifying to find such enthusiasm and to have such a splendid turn-out.

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A Cup has been presented by Capt. Parmeter for annual competition among the sections of Headquarter Company, the Cup being for Sports, including football. Up to the present the M.G. Platoon are ahead on points.

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At the conclusion of the Sports the C.O. presented the prizes and commented on the good turn-out and the spirit shown.

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The following table shows the points gained by the various sections :—

Machine Gun Platoon	78 points.
Signal Section	10 ,,
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Transport	—
Band	—
Drums	—

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The following were the prize-winners :—

Lce.-Cpl. Knott	Lce.-Cpl. Crowdy
Fus. Richardson	Fus. Fisher
Fus. Lovat	Fus. Grainger
Fus. Ellison	Fus. Anderson
Fus. Colpits	

Tug-of-War .. .. .. Machine Gun Section.
Relay Race .. .. .. Signal Section.

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The Battalion Sports, as previously intimated, are to take place on Saturday, the 4th September, when it is hoped that there will be a big turn-up of the men of the Battalion, their wives and families.

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The Officers and Sergeants are also arranging to entertain their friends. Given a fine day, the meeting should be a great success.

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During the month the Brigade Commander made his usual inspection of the Drill Hall, and the Audit Board have met and found all in order.

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The Sports Committee have also decided to run two Inter-Company Leagues, consisting of "A" and "B" Teams, during the winter months, and the events to be competed for are football, shooting and billiards.

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This should create an interest during the winter months, and keep all ranks in touch with the Drill Hall, which is very essential.

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During the month Capt. Challoner and Mr. Angus were both married, and we understand both events went off with éclat.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
24th August, 1926.

The period since the appearance of our last notes has been occupied chiefly—from the training point of view—in musketry and week-end camps.

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Of the latter we have had one for Officers and N.C.O.'s, as also have the Berwick and Morpeth Detachments. "B" and "C" Companies are to follow.

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These spots of training have been very successful, as the various Detachment notes, which follow, show.

We are indeed lucky in having such a keen and capable Adjutant as Capt. Trenam, who seems to take a great delight in organising such events, which are extremely popular with all ranks. The results achieved by these very limited periods of training are greatly due to his efforts—and perhaps particularly so to the jolly good staging of the Officers and N.C.O.'s week-end, which could not fail to impart instruction to the densest, owing to the forcefulness with which the various lessons were brought out.

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Although it cannot be said that our annual training has been as satisfactory as it should have been, these well-run week-ends will materially compensate for the absence of a proper camp this year.

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Present strength of Battalion = 507.

WEEK-END CAMP AT ALNWICK.

24th to 25th July, 1926.

A most successful, though extremely wet, Week-end Camp for Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Battalion was held at Moorlaws, Alnwick, on the 24th/25th July. Rain began to fall early in the morning of the Saturday, and kept it up more or less steadily—with only a few fair intervals—until we were nearly ready to pack up on the Sunday afternoon.

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However, the very best was made of the limited time at our disposal—yet further curtailed by the weather—to teach, and impress upon us a few of the more important tasks that will fall to the lot of a Section Leader in war.

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Companies came in from their various districts by motor bus, commencing to arrive at about 10 a.m., and by about 11 a.m. the camp was up and ready for occupation.

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In all, 20 Officers and 83 N.C.O.'s attended.

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We had the pleasure of meeting Major the Hon. Harold Robson—who is to be our new C.O. when the Higher Command informs Col. Wright that his days in command must cease—and he made full use of the two days to get to know as many as possible.

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We extend a cordial welcome to him, and hope that his stay with us—and ours under his command—will be as propitious as the last seven years under Col. Wright.

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We also had with us our new R.S.M.—S.M. Dipper, D.C.M., from the 1st Bn.—whom we feel sure will prove a competent successor to R.S.M. Rowsell, who is going first to the Guards at Windsor for a drill course, and then as R.S.M. to the 1st Battalion.

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The time up to "Dinners" was spent in Interior Economy and the issue of stores, etc.

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At 1 p.m. we started off with a brief outline of the training

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to be attempted during this week-end. The S.M. then took the Battalion N.C.O.'s and Junior Officers in a short, snappy drill lesson, which had visible results—for the good.

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Field signals were demonstrated, and Section formations were thoroughly gone into.

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Followed the "Individual Stalk," which was extremely well staged, and produced an impression upon the minds of all which benefitted subsequent exercises considerably, proving once more the value of "Demonstration," etc.—always provided it is well done, as this was. This, combined with a little "fire and movement" drill, and a hurried rush for shelter while the rain was heavier than usual, completed the day's work.

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In the evening the Officers dined at the White Swan Hotel, Alnwick, where the arrangements were excellent.

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After dinner a visit was paid to the Sergeants' Mess, where the Colonel spoke a few well-chosen words in proposing the good health and prosperity of our retiring R.S.M.

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That he had done much towards the re-organisation of the Battalion in 1919 was very well known, but few others than one in the position of C.O. could tell what slogging work he had so efficiently and willingly put in ever since. He wished him all the luck possible, on behalf of all the Officers of the Battalion. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

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S.M. Rowsell, in reply, thanked all for the excellent support he had had throughout his period of duty with the 7th Bn. The present high state of efficiency in the Battalion was sufficient reward for all his humble efforts, and he was proud to have had some small part in assisting in the re-organising and training of such a fine unit. He urged all ranks to put the Battalion first in everything.

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The Officers then retired—to camp, but not to bed.

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Major Robson and Messrs. Fawcus and Simpson (whose first appearance it was with the Battalion also) were given a preliminary course in Swazi Wallah.

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Other games, including "Round the Maypole" (New Series), "Snuff the Candle," etc., were indulged in, to the accompaniment of a plentiful supply of "Blotting-paper" (*copyright*)—and an enjoyable evening's fun was spent.

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On the Sunday, although still rather wet—the heather and other growths especially so—we paraded at 8.45 a.m.

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First a very good drill lesson, and an excellent March Discipline Demonstration, and the teaching of "Battle Drill," followed by the "Platoon in the Attack."

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In this last exercise much care had been taken in preparing the whole scheme, including the "Situations," and it went off very well—everyone carrying something useful away as a result, this being clearly brought out at the "Pow-wow" held at the conclusion.

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Great praise must be allotted to Capt. Trenam, the Adjutant, and to Mr. Forbes Watson, of the Depôt (who came down for the show), who so ably assisted him, for the really splendid arrangements all through—particularly for the smoothness and efficiency which characterised the conduct of the various exercises.

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But for the wet, a very much better time could have been put in—but it's a poor heart that never rejoices.

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We are now looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to the Company Week-end Camps.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

August, 1926.

The Berwick Detachment proceeded to Moorlaws for a week-end camp on Saturday and Sunday, 7th/8th August, 1926, when very fine weather prevailed.

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Owing to the local colliery being at work, and the fact that the majority of employers could not or would not let their men away, only 70 other ranks attended. This was far below expectations, but they made up for this to a certain extent by their smart turn-out.

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A good instructive time was spent, being mostly a repetition of the N.C.O.'s week-end camp, at which Section Leaders were taught how to instruct, and were able to put the lessons then learned into practice.

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On the Saturday, the camp was visited by the Divisional Commander, Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B.

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At the conclusion of the training on the Sunday, teams from the Company fired off the T.A.R.A. Competitions.

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Congratulations are due to Sergt. T. C. Patterson, who worked for 20 hours out of the previous 24 in order to be able to attend the week-end training. A little more of this spirit would be well for the T.A.

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Though one of our youngest recruits, Fus. G. Martin is to be congratulated on his plucky attempt to save a youth from drowning in the River Tweed last month. He, in company with two friends, saw the youth being carried away by the current, which is very strong at the mouth of the river, and although unable to swim, they rushed into the water and formed a human chain in an effort to reach him, but unfortunately were unable to do so, and it was only with difficulty that they got safely back themselves. At the inquest the Coroner spoke in high terms of the gallant efforts made in the attempted rescue.

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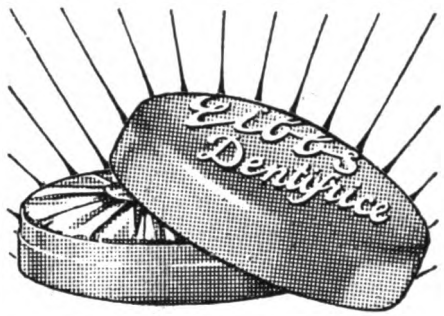

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MORPETH DETACHMENT NOTES.

August, 1926.

Since our last notes not much training has been carried out. The Annual Musketry Course, Part III., for Lewis Gunners, has proved of interest. Although later than usual, the additional training has shown itself well worth while by the results on the range.

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It is nice to know that some day "A" Company may have in its ranks a "White Hope." Each week voluntary classes are held for Physical Training and Boxing, which are very well patronised.

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On 14th August, the Company proceeded to the now well-known spot, Moorlaws, Alnwick, for a week-end camp. The event had been greatly looked forward to by all ranks. Section and Platoon Training was carried out, on the lines of the instruction given at the first camp of the season, and the men derived great benefit from the training.

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We had the Band, Signallers and Transport attached, so we were quite a happy family. These "attached" carried on with their own programmes.

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It was a pity that the Heavens opened on the Sunday, curtailing work, especially that of the Transport Section; but the lectures delivered proved of great interest to both old and new drivers and grooms.

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On the Sunday afternoon the Young Soldiers' competition was fired off in connection with the T.A.R.A. Great spirit was shown, but owing to the adverse weather conditions great results were not attained. The men of the Company witnessed the shoot, and greatly encouraged the firers.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The week-end camp at Moorlaws for Officers and N.C.O.'s has come and gone—the latter much to the regret of all concerned.

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The weather, which was not kind to us until late on the Sunday afternoon, did much to spoil what would otherwise have been an ideal Camp, but a very interesting and instructive programme was gone through with, much to the benefit of all present. The keenness shown, and the spirit in which these exercises were carried out under anything but good conditions, goes to prove the value of these week-end camps, and especially for the N.C.O.'s.

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A word of praise is due to those responsible for the carrying out of the different items of the programme, as the interest taken in each subject shows how highly the expert instruction is appreciated.

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On the Saturday evening the W.O.'s and Sergeants met at the Star Hotel, Alnwick, to bid good-bye to S.M. Rowsell, who is leaving the Battalion to take up the position of R.S.M. to the 1st Battalion.

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The Organising Committee are to be congratulated on the splendid results of their efforts to make the evening one of the best.

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In this they were successful, as the whole proceedings were of the highest order.

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The departure of S.M. Rowsell is regretted by all, he having been one of the first to take up a position with the T.A. after the war.

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It was his ambition to do all he could to better the lot of the T.A. soldier, and in this he was very successful, and I think I may say that all ranks in the Bn. owe him a debt of gratitude.

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A wizard with the pen, he used it with great success, as many know, and he was never happier than when he was fighting the battles of those not able to do so themselves.

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The social part of his career was very successful, too, and many will remember him as the life of a good many functions.

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The partnership between him and Brizlee did a lot to make our evenings a success, his personal charm of manner and his ability to "swing it" endeared him to the hearts of all who knew him.

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We regret his departure, but know that he will have great scope for his energies with the 1st Battalion.

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We hope that he and Mrs. Rowsell will like their new home, and we wish them the best of luck.

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We have pleasure in welcoming to the Bn. C.S.M. Dipper, who has joined us from the 1st Bn.

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He is well known to a lot of us, and we have no fear that he will do all he can for the betterment of all.

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Congratulations to Sergeant-Drummer J. Quigley on the award to him of the annuity and Medal for Meritorious Service. *vide* War Office instruction dated 19th August.

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We would like to be allowed to offer our most hearty congratulations to the 1st Bn. on the successes of its athletic team. At the same time may we hand out a bouquet to the writer of the 1st Bn. Notes on his literary achievement in this issue, descriptive of the destruction of Scottish athletic ideals by a Sassenach corps

As one whose views, if opened, should disclose an admixture half Glenlivet and half Bass, our emotions are torn twixt pride in the Regimental athletic achievements and sorrow at the Southern inability to appreciate the beauties of Scottish musical instruments and terpsichorean display. We should, perhaps, explain that we pen these notes from a spot in the Highlands where two Highland gatherings and one Highland ball are about to take place in one week, and we have been going through a severe course of training to strengthen the Glenlivet portion of our life's stream, so as to enable us to bear the strain of unceasing Pibroch tuning, and tree hurling. We are therefore glad to be able to assure our 1st Bn. readers that custom will at last compel appreciation, or something akin to it, of the Scottish national music when heard at a reasonable distance. No amount of the best Glenlivet, however, will induce a thrill of anything but horror at the savage custom of braying on the pipes in a mess room after dinner. None but those whose veins run with the purest barbarian Highland blood can say with truth that they listen to such noise, so adjacent, with enjoyment.

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A TERRITORIAL DREAM.

(By Te-Ay.)

Some time ago, or a few months since to be precise, I wrote on the subject of "The Advantages of Territorialism" in this *Gazette*. On casting my eyes backwards, it seems to me that the title was not justified, as no advantages were stated ; but on casting my eyes forward again, I cannot help but ponder on the advisability or inadvisability—I don't know which—of cohesion of thought in modern journalism. But let that pass : it is but a passing thought, a fleeting sigh in the wind, a drop in the ocean, a mere pistol pop in the cloud of war.

Talking of war, by the way, reminds me of what I have set out to tell you about. The strange narrative which I am about to unfold will startle you ; it startled me. Will it startle you ? Yes, it will.

To commence with, I am but an ordinary, everyday, common or garden type of Territorial officer. A straightforward fellow. A simple-minded man, unused to fame and its attendant publicity—in fact, I never under any circumstances, allow my name or photograph to appear in the press more than twice or thrice each week.

You will therefore readily understand my desire, coupled with reasons of State, to refrain from using my own name and those of others used in this strange story, and I may add that all names mentioned herein are entirely fic—and surreptitious.

The whole thing happened with the startling suddenness of a thunderbolt. I expect all my readers are more or less acquainted with the startling and sudden habits of thunderbolts.

It occurred in the dim, dark days of the winkle-pickers' threatened general strike. What man, woman or child in these islands does not remember those terrible times ? Who does not remember the dreary days when the thick, heavy clouds of internal, international, economical, political and industrial calamity hung over this fair land ?

Those tremulous times when Great Britain was threatened with internal combustion, the newspapers of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Prudhoe-on-Tyne were full of the news of impending disaster.

The Executive Committee, instructed by the Grand Council of the Approved Society, National Union and Amalgamated Association of Inland Winkle-pickers, had thrown down the gauntlet to the British Cabinet. In other words, it was a question of whether the Government should govern, or the A.S.N.U. and A.A.I.W.P.

This was the gist of the news that I was reading from the local paper one dark and dirty night. I had settled down in an easy chair, wearing a pair of comfortable carpet slippers, enjoying solid comfort after a strenuous evening of signing musketry returns. My pipe was nicely alight, and I had just got past the "Hatches," "Matches" and "Despatches" column, when a resounding banging on the front door brought me to my feet in startled haste.

Judge of my surprise and horror when I was informed that Colonel Courant, Lt.-Col. G. I. B. Copson, and Major Gravel-Wilkins awaited me at Headquarters, and that I must report there without delay, fully armed for war. With a curt nod I dismissed the messenger, and with a curt nod the messenger slammed the door and disappeared on his dangerous mission of acquiescence.

Hastily I donned my uniform and gathered together just the bare necessities of life and warfare. Like the old soldier that I am, I hastily threw into my haversack a copy of "Old Moore's Almanack," "Infantry Training, Vol. I.," and "The Life of Charles Peace."

I am a great believer in change as a perfect form of recreation. As I tramped up the cobbled streets of the quaint old-world metal-casting village of Newburn to Battalion Headquarters, the good old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," flitted through my mind, and I patted my haversack reassuringly. The fine old works I carried with me would act as refreshment to my tortured mind, tired with the heavy reading of "Section Leading in Attack and Defence."

On reaching Battalion Headquarters, I was immediately shown into the presence of the three Officers who had commanded my presence. They looked worried and much concerned, and their faces were all furrowed up and down with the weight of many cares. From the great number of cigarette ends scattered about the floor, I judged that they had been

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and were smoking profusely. The whole atmosphere of the Orderly Room seemed heavy with tobacco smoke and impending news of importance.

As I entered the room the door behind me was slammed, locked and bolted, the window blinds drawn, the central heating system turned off, and a hushed air of expectancy assumed by all those present.

Colonel Courant rose from pouring over a large map which hung upon the wall. This was a difficult thing for Colonel Courant to do, as the walls were covered with large maps and the floor was literally littered with literature, while to the ceiling above were suspended by means of drawing-pins and string, three bundles of minature ammunition returns, one plane table, two pairs of binoculars, one monocular, four compasses and an eyesight test. In a corner I espied perched on a bundle of promotion recommendations, the Orderly Room clerk writing in a quick, short method of shorthand.

I quickly grasped the situation. It was evidently intended that secrecy was to be the keynote of this conference. However, enough ! enough ! as I say, those present had adopted a hushed air of expectancy.

Colonel Courant turned and approached me with extended hand, typical Light Infantry step, and that sweet smile of welcome so much revered throughout the Brigade. He disarmed me immediately with a disarming manner, and his natural charm of personality immediately put me at ease. I stood at ease. He nodded curtly and rapped out a short word of command, "Stand easy !" I stood easy.

Colonel Courant took out his pockethanky and gently but firmly dabbed his eyes, owning no doubt to the moisture of his finer feelings. At the time, this incident passed unnoticed by me, but now on looking back at events as they were, I cannot help but think that my excellent and prompt obedience of his commands affected him deeply.

"Captain X——," he began, but with a sob in his throat he broke off and turned away. "Copson," he said, "You tell him."

At these kind words, Colonel Copson looked very grave. He did not hesitate a moment, but with characteristic initiative he turned to Major Gravel-Wilkins and ordered him to read to me the contents of a letter which had been copied from a Brigade communication obtained from Divisional Orders by command of the joint authority of Command Orders and the instructions of the Acting Deputy Assistant Adjutant of the 90th Echelon Q.M.G. Transport and Miniature Ammunition Sub-Division.

It would be but mild to say that I was surprised at the startling contents of the instructions that were read out to me. I am not permitted to divulge the many State secrets contained therein, but let it suffice that, roughly speaking, a war had broken out at Hexham, and, more astounding still, I had been selected to command the expedition which a determined Government had decided to send out.

Colonel Copson stepped forward and shook me by the hand with his own hand. "Captain X——," said he, "you are a young man"—I released my hand from his and held it up, poor crushed member as it was, and cut him short. "Enough, sir ! I know—Major Gravel-Wilkins has told me all."

"Come, come," said the Colonel, "Let us not waste more time." Then, with a stern and grim look of determination, "Young man, decide on your plan of action and write out your order .."

"Yes, yes, write out your orders," said Colonel Courant, "and come to the sand table and let us see your proposed dispositions ; and remember, Captain X——, always keep your pack artillery with your main guard."

"But, sir !" I said, "I am not to be allowed any pack artillery."

"Ah ! that's just my point. All the more reason to remember such a small detail, seeing that in this case you won't have any to practice with."

I freely admit that I was somewhat at a loss for an answer to this, feeling much like Alice in Wonderland asking about the bread and butterfly. Determined, however, not to exhibit any lack of initiative in front of these tactical giants, I rushed to the sand table and hastily covering it with a couple of bucket loads of sand I feverishly turned it into a miniature replica of my intended battle-ground, reading it from the map at my side as I progressed.

For the benefit of the unitiated let me here state that this is not at all an easy task to perform. Frequently I was at a loss on questions of vision, but I easily got over the difficulty by anticipating that there would be a heavy fog on the day of battle.

More than once I was obliged to resect myself on the map, so to speak, and sad to relate I forgot how to read convex and concave slopes from the map. Nevertheless, my little battle-ground was a fair success, and I am pleased to say that I was congratulated on it by my superiors present, although I once did overhear some mumbled remark to the effect that "imagination sometimes plays havoc with a fellow."

So far as I could see, the only thing which could possibly go wrong would be that the battle might not take place on the piece of ground which I had taken such pains to specify ; or, again, if my choice of battle area proved to be correct there may not be a piece of ground in the locality similar to that described on my sand table. But there are always risks in war, and I was fairly well satisfied that my arrangements were complete ; after all, in modern warfare, one cannot anticipate every detail.

Having completed my sand table and written out my orders, I was introduced to the Unit entrusted to my command. It consisted of half a company of Infantry—*i.e.* two platoons, limbers, gun, Lewis one, and cookers, company one.

I had a very good henchman in C.S.M. Cook-Cruet, and my platoon officers, Mr. McHaggis and Mr. Clodd, were old and familiar cronies of mine.

We had all seen service in the Phwellhi riots, and Mr. McHaggis, the Sergeant-Major and myself were old stagers, all of us having served at the Siege of Ripon, Defence of the Hartley Coast, and both Catterick expeditions. I quickly issued my orders to my subordinates and instructed them to read them (the orders), which I have no doubt they did—particularly Mr. McHaggis.

This duty dutifully completed, I was drawn aside by Major Gravel-Wilkins.

"Captain X——," said he, "you must now come with me, "the Prime Minister wishes to see you at once."

"No ! no !" I said, starting back in alarm. "Surely the Prime Minister cannot wish to see me ! Surely this cannot be so ?"

"The Prime Minister does ; it is," was the twofold reply.

"Then I must go at once," I cried, and with these words I dashed to the bar, dashed down a shandy-gaff, dashed outside and into a waiting taxi, which in turn dashed round to the War Office.

The man at the door of the War Office knew me at once. We had been in Sing-Sing together.

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"This way, sir!" he cried.

Hastily throwing a handful of coppers to the waiting crowd, I pushed my way through them and into the hall, where were assembled rows upon rows and still more rows of gorgeous flunkeys, all of them gorgeously arrayed and flunkeying perfectly.

Hastily throwing a handful of silver to them, and not stopping to admire the old gold and copper ballustered staircase and lampshades to match, I rushed up it (the gold and copper ballustered staircase), and reached a large double door, doubly guarded by special constables.

They knew me at once. They had arrested me twice during the strike. Not hesitating to renew old friendships, I hastily threw to them a handful of gold, pushed open the great doors, drew my sword, and staggering to the centre of the room, I collapsed in the centre of a fine Persian rug which was centred there.

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Somehow or other I must have fainted. I cannot think how. When I came round I was at once aware of numerous faces surrounding me all round. The bodies attached to them were no doubt present also, but I did not notice them at the time as the faces arrested my immediate attention. They were fine faces; lofty and noble faces—in fact, I only noticed one ignoble face amongst them, the others were distinctly noble.

These faces thrilled me through and through, especially the one with the high-pitched voice. They were typical of our famous Statesmen—in fact they actually belonged to our famous Statesmen. What man, woman or child could not recognise these well-known faces?

On the left was Mr. George Pawn, M.P.; on the right Mr. George David Lloyd; and in the centre was the late Prime Minister, Mr. Cauldron.

Here was Captain Stilton-Bilson, there was the Earl of Boxwood and Hasketh, whilst over there—no, not there, but further over—was Colonel Street-Wolff chatting amiably with Sir Wilfrid Blond.

I espied in a far corner two other well-known faces which I didn't know, playing ping-pong; whilst the bridge four near the fire were entirely strange to me, but they looked very much like well-known politicians.

Somebody gave me a drink. I sighed and sat up.

"He has come round," I heard a voice say; "all is well." At these words the whole assemblage of great men gave three hearty British cheers and sang, "For he's a jolly good fellow!"

I was much affected by this great show of affection by these great men, and I thanked them in a few broken words.

They responded in a few unbroken words, and altogether we felt pleased with ourselves. Our jollity was cut short by the entrance of a super-gorgeous flunkey in liveried livery, who flung open the super double doors and announced, in super-hyper stentorian tones: "Gentlemen, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister." Immediately on these words a gorgeously uniformed hidden orchestra struck up the gallant strains of "The Toy Drum-Major," and in stalked the Prime and Foreign Ministers arm in arm, chatting amiably and casting "backsheesh" around them to the members of the Cabinet who followed respectfully behind.

I was surprised to see that the Prime Minister was a lady, and none other than Miss Eileen Bilkington, of Walker; whilst the Foreign Minister, Sir Gaston Chambers, didn't look a bit foreign.

Immediately they saw me, these two noted people rushed towards me, and eventually reaching me shook me by the hand.

"You are Captain X——?" enquired Miss B——.

"I am," I replied.

"Yes, you look it," said Sir Gaston, whereat we all laughed heartily at the keen sense of humour of this great Statesman.

"Well, Captain X——," said Miss B——, "no doubt you are aware of the important mission which we are entrusting to you?"

I nodded.

"We are extremely anxious that you should execute your task with the greatest secrecy and tact, and also, whatever you do, never fail to observe all international laws to the letter."

Here Miss B—— stopped, took a deep breath, and then continued: "No doubt you are aware of the many complications which would arise if our national policy became confused with ultra-modern and purely hypothetical atmospherical condensation."

Again I nodded.

"Very well, then, the next point which I must drive home to you is that at all costs a plebescite must be avoided, because, as you very well know, the parties of the left wing in all interested neighbouring political organisations are only awaiting the opportunity to enlarge upon any failure on our part. This is more especially important when we consider that at the present time we are the only European country who has not seized this opportunity of trade expansion on a purely and essentially economical yet prohibitive basis."

"Madame," I cried, "this is all absolutely comprehensive to me. Through it all I see my duty clearly defined before me."

"I am very glad to hear it," the P.M. replied; "now tell me, what is this duty?"

"It is this, Miss B——," I answered. "I must press home the attack with vigour all along my front until I find a weak spot in the enemy defence, which will enable me to so manœuvre my supports and reserves that an early opportunity will be afforded to pave the way for the ultimate seizing of the final objective with the bayonet."

"Splendid!" cried the P.M. "I see you have been listening carefully to all I have said. Now, I think I have given you all possible information, but you must now go and receive your final instructions from the Foreign Minister; and now good-bye and farewell." With these final words Miss Bilkington shook me heavily by the hand and stalked out of the room.

I clicked my heels, dug my spurs the regulation depth into the gorgeous Persian rug, and saluted smartly with the right hand, in much the same manner as illustrated in "Infantry Training."

No sooner had Miss B—— left the room than a few words of warning were whispered hissingly into my ear in a hushed voice, and Sir Gaston Chambers, clutching me by the throat, hurried me into an adjoining chamber.

"Quick!" he whispered, "wear this," and he thrust a false beard into my hand.

I wore it.

He looked at me.

"No, take it off again. Secrecy be hanged! I would rather have it the other way."

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I obeyed, and bowed to the compliment.

"And now to business," said the great Statesman. "You are about to embark on a serious project," he went on, "and although you are very young, you have been tried and found not wanting, so that you see we impose great faith in your military efficiency."

Again I bowed.

"In the first place, it is important that you should be able to speak some foreign languages. Do you know any?"

"Oui," I replied.

"Not bad," said he; "any others?"

"Ja vohl."

"A bit better; any more?"

"Si, Senor."

"Fair to middling; how about Hindustani?"

"Wallah."

"Ah! good; and Yiddish?"

"Yeth."

"American?"

"Yep."

"Most excellent; but what about Russian?"

"Vodka," I replied.

"Ah! I see, you are an expert linguist; but even so I am afraid that there are one or two smaller languages which it is absolutely essential that you should know." With these words he handed a few small volumes to me.

"Take these," said he, "and read them up in your spare time. You will find 'De Wolfe's Pushto,' 'Burroughs and Watts' Brazilian,' and a very good work on 'Chinese Junks.'"

"Thank you, Sir Gaston," I said, placing them in my haversack.

"And now, Captain X——," continued the great man, "I will explain to you the general situation.

"You may be perhaps aware that some time ago the Foreign Legation received a legacy in the form of a substantial superannuation, accrued from a very large investment, comprised of a combined capital and compound interest, which is relative to the whole as A—BC2 is to 11 times 300 degrees. By some uncanny means the 4th Inquisition of the A.S.N.U. and A.A.I.W.P. have discovered the source of this revenue, which at present is unknown to the British Cabinet. This powerful syndicate aim at a complete confiscation of the said revenue, with the ultimate intention of subsidising the financial activities to the full extent of the resources available. It follows naturally upon this, then, that we must get to rock bottom and grasp this revenue for ourselves with all possible haste, and as a straight line is approximately the shortest distance between two given points, so must you make all haste to your final objective."

"Where is my final objective?" I enquired.

"Well, of course, that all depends on the site of your battle," answered Sir Gaston. "Have you selected your battle ground?"

"Yes," I said. "I have decided that my military peregrinations shall be in and around Hexham."

"Very well, then," the Statesman replied; "perhaps that place will do as well as any other. Anyhow, if nothing comes of it, you can always move your battle somewhere else. Now, I think I have no further instructions for you, but before you leave for the front you must explain to me your tactical dispositions."

"I am afraid, Sir, that is impossible without the use of a sand table."

"Of course, to be sure! to be sure! Unfortunately we haven't got one here, but there is a billiard table, if that will do?"

"That will suit admirably," I replied, and with these words we adjourned to the billiard-room.

"Now, then," said Sir Gaston, placing the balls in position on the table, "describe your dispositions."

"Well, sir, looking at it from a billiards point of view, we will assume that the red ball represents the enemy. Baulk is my jumping off point, and the two top pockets are my objective. To commence with, I must take the initiative and fire at the enemy to keep their heads down and thus make first score. I explain this by going in off red into the top left-hand pocket. Now I have disturbed the enemy (red) and moved him from his first positions and left him over middle pocket. Therefore you see, I am able with entire ease to pot him in middle pocket and at the same time go in off into top right pocket. In this way, you see, I have brought enfilade fire to bear upon a flank which I have forced, and am thus able to drive the enemy below ground (middle pocket), and so gain my objective (top right pocket), and that, sir, is my plan of action."

"Excellent, most excellent," cried the Foreign Minister. "A most satisfactory campaign, and a most extraordinary campaigner; but now that I see the whole thing so ably described before me my eyes are opened. Indeed, I cannot possibly see how success can be avoided—so much so in fact, that I think, considering your marvellous plan of action, that victory is undoubtedly yours before the battle commences. In fact, looking at it from your tactical point of view, a battle would be absolutely unnecessary, and therefore I have decided, Captain X——, that in view of our decision of pre-supposed victory, we will entirely eliminate fighting the campaign, and therefore I have no other course before me but to ask you to return to your Unit."

With these words the Foreign Minister stepped forward and took my hand in a long, firm grasp. I took it back again in a long, firm withdrawing movement.

"Sir Gaston," I said, my voice husky with huskiness, "you have done me the greatest honour that a Statesman could do to a Territorial Officer, by entrusting to my command a campaign which hasn't come off."

With these words, spoken in my reassumed natural voice, I clicked my heels, dug my spurs the regulation depth into another gorgeous Persian rug, saluted somewhat in the manner of the I.T. illustration, and turning about I marched out of the War Office, the proudest half company commander in the Territorial Army.

Alas! however, the fruits of victory were not to be mine, for whoever it is that takes care of aforesaid fruits of victory had left a banana skin on the bottom step of the War Office entrance. I fell with a bump. I felt a sudden jerk, and a lot of people seemed to be shouting.

"Wake up! wake up!" said O.C. Prudhoe Guards from the other side of the railway compartment; "we have arrived at Hexham."

I looked out of the window, and sure enough we had arrived at Hexham, where the war was to take place for our examination in Subject "C."

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REGULAR BATTALIONS.

2nd.-Lieut. W. R. M. Clifford to be Lieutenant (dated 30th August).

Capt. W. P. H. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., retires on ret. pay (dated 29th September), and is granted the rank of Lt.-Col.

The following Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military Academy, to be Second-Lieutenants (dated 30th August):—W. D. F. Laing, C. J. Bradford.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Lt.-Col. W. P. H. Rushbrooke, D.S.O. (Capt., ret. pay, late North'd. Fus.) to be Lieut.-Colonel (dated 29th September), with seniority, 10th August, 1925.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Lieut. A. Fleming resigns his commission (dated 4th September).

4th Bn.—Officer-Cadet J. C. Neville (from Durham University Contgt., Sen. Div., O.T.C.) to be Second-Lieutenant (dated 22nd September).

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Obituary.

MR. W. C. REDMAN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. C. Redman, late Colour-Sergeant Instructor of Musketry in the 5th Fusiliers, which took place on the 27th August at his home in Essex. Mr. Redman enlisted in London in 1878, and joined the 2nd Bn. and with it served in India for 5 years. He returned to England in 1888, when he

MR. W. C. REDMAN.

joined the 1st Bn. at Colchester, in which he became Regimental Provost Sergeant. He went in 1898 to the Royal Guernsey Militia, and trained the team which beat England in the Kolapore Cup that year. He joined up again in 1914, and served throughout the war with the 11th Tynside Brigade and 84th Training Reserve Bns. Redman was always a keen athlete and a prominent member of the R.A.T.A., in which he took the greatest interest. To his widow and family we extend our warmest sympathy on behalf of all 5th Fusiliers.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

GLASGOW,
September, 1926.

There has been no material change in the situation of the Battalion during the past month, nor does there appear to be any prospect of a change in the near future.

We still find an Emergency Duty Company; we still have a Company at Ardeer; and we still even send an occasional Officer 90 miles to Stobs Camp to conduct classification practices for other Units.

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In the midst of it all, "W" and "Y" Companies have been firing their annual musketry course, under conditions vastly different from those under which they began in May at Ballykinlar.

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At this point, were we to adhere to the "motto for contributors" put forward by a certain laconic correspondent in a recent number, we should, we suppose, conclude—("shut up," we believe was the actual expression used)—for, with the exception of a very welcome visit from Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, the above is a complete account of our doings for the month, and we have literally "nothing more to say." We propose, however, at the risk of appearing unduly loquacious to prattle on a little, for we bear emblazoned upon whatever it ought to be emblazoned upon, the motto, "If you have nothing to say, for Heaven's sake try to say something."

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To return to musketry. When we arrived in Ireland we were rather painfully conscious of the fact that our performances at musketry in recent years had left a good deal to be desired. At Ballykinlar we felt, at least, that as far as conditions were concerned, we should have very little excuse to offer if we failed to show considerable improvement. There we were almost entirely free from that extra Regimental employ which in Germany proved such a fruitful source of 3rd class shots; we had no detachments, and, best of all, the range was at our doors instead of being nine miles away; also we should not be subjected to the "hustle" conditions which prevailed on the Rhine.

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In the Spring at Ballykinlar some competitions had been held, which produced some quite good shooting.

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On 1st May, "W" and "Y" Coys. began their course, and on 8th May we moved to Glasgow, where it has been by no means easy to pick up the broken threads again and carry on At the time of writing, no Company has completed its course, and by the time that these notes appear in print the Battalion will have finished. We can only say, therefore, in the meantime, that, although we hope for some improvement, we cannot reasonably expect to put up the same scores as we hoped to in Ballykinlar, owing to the very altered conditions and the many vicissitudes (to put it politely) through which we have passed in the last four and a half months.

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Meanwhile the leaves are falling, and we have missed nearly every bit of the summer, which we looked forward so much to enjoying in Ireland.

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Beyond that we do not propose in this month's notes to moan any more over the coal situation or how it is affecting us.

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Looking back on the last four months, we feel our situation to have been rather like that of some normally healthy person suddenly stricken with a malignant disease. At first it is strange and irksome, and his whole nature rises against it. Gradually the strangeness wears off; bit by bit he grows more

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and more resigned to fate, and realises that he must just wait patiently till things start to mend. Some day something may be done to return him to his normal existence, and he will be able to walk and run like everyone else.

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So it is with us. Some day something will happen to get us back to our normal life. Till then, what can't be cured must, we suppose, be endured.

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Nor do we propose to rail any further at Mr. Cook and his satellites, for we fear that they have already been given their full share of publicity elsewhere. We have heard and read many ingenious and ingenuous suggestions as to how the coal problem may most speedily be settled, none of which have borne fruit. We now, therefore, offer our own entirely original suggestion for what it is worth. We suggest that the editors of all newspapers, magazines and periodicals should agree to refrain, for the period of a fortnight, from publishing one single word on the coal situation, and further that no M.P., Cabinet Minister or after-dinner speaker should mention it during that period. We feel confident that if this policy were adopted, the miners would all be back at work by the end of the fortnight, and Cook and Smith would have quietly passed away for lack of what to them is the breath of life—notoriety. The idea is so simple that we marvel that it has not been tried out already; and it is certainly no less fantastic than other suggestions we have heard and read from time to time.

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A visit to Messrs. Nobels' Explosives Factory at Ardeer has provided the opportunity of giving our readers a more complete description of the life at this peculiarly unpleasant spot, and, as nearly all the Battalion has had a spell there at different times, a few notes, to place on record details of this murkey portion of our existence during the coal strike, will perhaps not be amiss.

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From the soldiers' point of view, the life may be divided into two portions—(1) Guards; (2) Patrols. Everything else, or almost everything else, comes under the heading of IT IS FORBIDDEN; for

It is forbidden—

(1) To carry matches.
(2) To smoke except in certain huts.
(3) To climb a bank.
(4) To chase the rabbits which abound.
(5) To throw stones or skylark in any way.
(6) To run (in certain portions of the factory).
(7) To climb a fence, or even to step over the place where it ought to be and sometimes is not.
(8) To enter any building other than the Company billet.
(9) To keep a dog, etc., etc.

Out of doors it is permitted —

(1) To walk.
(2) To breathe when possible (sometimes not easy, owing to a very active chimney close to the quarters, which gives off sulphuric acid fumes day and night).

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So far, "W," "Y" and "Z" Companies have each done approximately a month there, and the latest detachment, which has been formed to fill a gap whilst the musketry course is being fired, consists of the Signal Section and a Platoon each from "W," "X" and "Y" Companies.

The tedious existence of the Officers at Ardeer has lately been considerably alleviated by the kindness of General Sir Aylmer Hunter Weston, who has extended such real hospitality towards them that they almost feel that they have been adopted by him.

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We were very glad to see Major-General Sir Percy Wilkinson, who visited us in our exile here and stayed for two days.

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On the Sunday the Battalion was formed up in line before Church Parade, and Sir Percy Wilkinson presented Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to C.S.M. Scally and Cpl. Daly.

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On Saturday, 18th, the FIFTH were in demand at the opening by Earl Balfour of a new Civil Service Sports Ground at Scotstoun. First of all, by request, our Drums gave a display, and their efforts were evidently highly appreciated, judging by the applause of the spectators.

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Later there were two relay races in which we took part. The first was an Inter-Regimental race in which, besides ourselves, the Depôt The Cameronians, the 2nd Bn. South Staffordshire Regt., and the Depôt the H.L.I. had entered teams.

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The distances run were 880 yds., 220 yds., 220 yds. and 440 yds., in the order given.

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Fus. Humphrey led off for the FIFTH in the 880 yds., and finished third, about 8 yds. behind the leader. His one fault in running was again evident: *i.e.* he was too eager to take the lead early in the race, and so, though he ran well, had no sprint left for the finish.

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He handed over to Lce.-Cpl. MacDonagh, who ran a very good 220 yds. and finished 2nd, handing over to Fus. Urwin, who also did well and kept his place. Urwin handed over to Lce.-Cpl. Power for the 440 yds., and the latter won easily.

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The winning team were presented with wrist watches for prizes.

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The second event was an Inter-Services Relay Race over the same distances, and teams from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Civil Service had been entered.

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The Army team consisted of Cpl. Spears, Cameronians (880 yds.), Lce.-Cpl. MacDonagh, Fifth Fusiliers (220 yds.), Lieut. Kilgour, Fifth Fusiliers (220 yds.), and Lce.-Cpl. Power, Fifth Fusiliers (440 yds.).

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The Army team won fairly easily.

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Welcome visitors during the past month were Mr. Carrick and Mr. Wilson, of the 6th Bn. Mr. Carrick was well known to some of us, as he served in this Bn. during the war for some three years. We were very sorry that their stay with us could not have been of longer duration, and look forward to another visit from them some time when the Battalion is in, shall we say, a less stagnant condition than it was whilst they were here.

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Congratulations to Mr. Holdsworth Hunt and Mr. Bolster for having successfully steered clear of the pitfalls of the "A" exam. for promotion.

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Mr. Stockley, we are glad to say, has returned apparently quite restored, after a period of sick leave.

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We feel that this "Society" portion of the notes might very suitably be rounded off with details of the recent week-end visit of one of our Officers to Paris, but as we are not sure whether these columns are perused in the family circle, and as we also have been unable to consult him regarding the advisability or otherwise of making the facts public, we must perforce remain silent on the subject.

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Nothing now remains but to express at once our gratitude to the hard-working editor of this Magazine for his bouquet on the subject of our last month's contribution, and our regret if we in any way offended his alleged half-Glenlivet, half-Bass susceptibilities.

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Our regret, however, is tempered by a suspicion that he was cheated by his surroundings into a purely temporary belief that the "Glenlivet" half of his "views" prevailed over the "Bass" half; for did he not spell "Piobaireachd" as "Pibroch," and should he not, for that alone, be branded as an out-and-out Sassenach, with only occasional leanings, varied in degree according to the amount of Glenlivet consumed, towards the Celt?

ST. GEORGE'S PEPYS.

This daye to Nobel, his workes at Ardeer, and a plaguy pestilentialle spot did find it to be, for our soulderes there are compelled to live and eat and have their being alle within the confines of the workes, and, what is worse, are hedged and compassed about by all manner of straynge and unnaturalle lawes and regulaytions as to their conduckt, so that it trulie does seeme to be onlie by a specialle dispensation of Providence that they may draw their verie breath, and even in the drawynge of it do ever and anon find themselves at no little discomforte by reason of the foulle pollutynge stenches of acids and suchlike which fill the playce.

So was I forced to refleckt, as oft before, that no matter in how bad case we may well imagine ourselves to be, we should nevertheless endeavour to feel thankfulle that it is no worse, for often enough in Glasgowe would I find myself bemoanynge of our move from Ireland and of the discomforte of the playce, and yet was I mightilie thankfulle for the sorrie comforte of Glasgowe after havynge witnessed the stayte of our soulderes at Ardeer, where methinks the onlie safe way for them of avoidynge the hundred and one pitfalles of the lawes of the playce is to lie abed between duties and never stirre.

Whiles I was there comes Sir Jules Pouffe, in commande of a new companie, and scarce had he arrived when he tried, as is his wont, to foole me with a vainlie conceived jeste anent white horses and black horses, askynge of me why it is the custommе to have the one at weddynges and the other at funeralles, so that I mighte professe ignorance, and he mighte then answer that the reason of it is to draw the carriages, and so cackle inanely over his sillie conceit.

Indeede I do find it a sadde thynge to refleckt upon the mentalle decaye of some of our more senior officieres since our regimente has come to Glasgowe, for not only Sir Jules, but also my lords Purkeigh and Ivapole do constantlie and dailie endeavour to amuse themselves at one another's expense by similar inane devices, and the more childishe the jeste the more mightilie pleased do they seeme to be with themselves, though the reason for their so grate enjoyment is a thing I cannot rightlie understand, for to me it does appeare that the greater part of their amusement they do derive from stupid trickes of speech which, as a forme of humour, would justlie be scorned by the veriest infant in arms. To such a pitch, indeede, has the follie now come that if one of them does addresse the simplest and most ordinarie remark, such as to say it is a fine day, or the like, straightway a craftie looke of lunatick cunnynge must spread over the fayce of the one so addressed, lest, in replyinge, he falle into some sillie trappe of speech laid for him.

Whether it be that by reason of the straynge conditions of our life in Glasgow their mentalle balance has become all upsette, or whether perchance it be that through a desire to stayve off incipient decrepitude they have foolishlie had themselves injected with these much talked of thyroid glandes, and so are put back to a stayte of childehood, is a matter beyond my understandynge, but whichever it be, I do finde it an affayre of the grayvest concern for the future of us alle, that three gentlemen of such high standynge in our regimente, who should by rightes be modelles of officeres to which our younger generation of ensignes mighte fashionne themselves, should now have fallen into this sorrie plighte as to their mentalitie.

So do I give thanks to Heaven that we have yet amongst us, to leaven us, gentlemen of such outstandynge substance as Sir Basil Binst and Sir Steve Smith, who will ever stand four-

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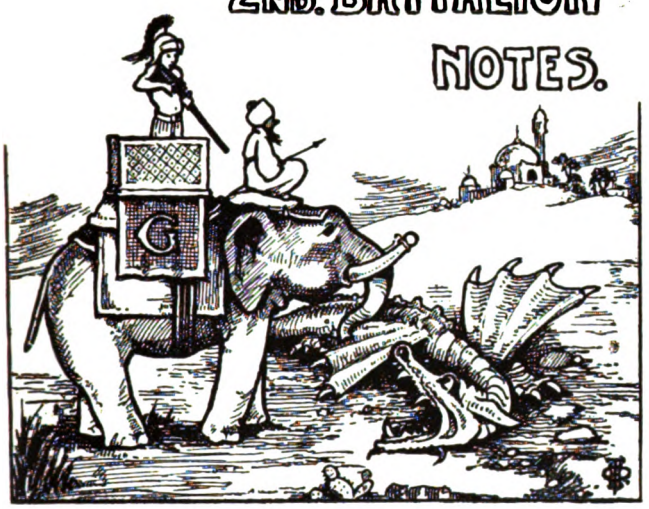
square to the buffetynges of Fate and remayne shinynge examples to this risynge generation of the lines on which an officere should and may devellop.

(On readynge again this daye's entry in this my diarie, I do finde myself to have used a somewhat sillie metaphor, which might well be considered totallie inapposite, for my conceit of Sir Basil, a-standynge four-*square* to anything, is one which, try as I may, I do finde to be beyond the compasse of my imagination.)

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



FYZABAD,

25th August, 1926.

Since the last notes the Regimental Football Team beat Cossipore 2—0, but were beaten by the Camerons in the next round by a similar score.

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The Camerons went on to be defeated in the final by the Sherwood Foresters.

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We have played three Rugby matches against the 43rd Battery: we won the first two matches and drew the third.

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The first game was very scrappy and rough; it was played on the Battery ground, which was very hard at the South end, the forwards of both sides continuously kicked the ball back into the scrum, and on the few occasions when the "threes" got going the lure of the touch-line seemed too much for them, and they ran straight across the field until pushed into touch.

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The full-back should also remember that ground is not gained by running toward his own goal line, and it is better to be tackled where he is than to run back ten yards and then be tackled by a faster man.

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The absurd attempts to drop goals when there was every chance of getting through by running straight, were most depressing to the spectators.

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The final score of the first game was 10—0, being two tries and a dropped goal.

Trys were scored by Allan ("C") and Allan (H.Q.), and the dropped goal by Fus. Allan ("C").

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The second match was played on our ground, and was a better game than the previous one, being less scrappy.

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This we also won by 6—0 points; the forwards played a better game than in the previous match, and there were one or two good bits of passing in the three-quarter line; however, the tendency to run across the field was still there.

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The last game was the best, and ended in a draw of 0—0.

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Throughout the whole series of games, collaring high, offsides, running across, and fly-kicking were faults that needed checking, and also it might be well to mention the fact that the short punt is only used very occasionally by three-quarters of International standard, and is generally useless when tried by a Regimental player.

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It is also interesting to note that Lt.-Commander Davies, in his book on Rugby Football, states that he was dropped for the English side on account of his habit of attempting to drop goals.

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The Battalion left on the 11th for Ranikhet, and the Detachment down here have played a hockey match against the Police, which they won 10—0, and they are playing football against the 43rd Battery to-day.

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Mr. Humphreys has been granted six months' sick leave, and will be leaving shortly.

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Battalion Headquarters are moving to the Hills to-day, and only the Faithful Four of Fyzabad remain.

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They are Capt. Chipper, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Flower.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

23rd September, 1926.

The weather was fine for the Depôt Sports and, as was so accurately predicted in these notes last month, the Sports were a great success. The Depôt Staff and the four squads of the Recruit Company competed for a Cup, and the four squads only for the Recruit Company Running and Athletic Shield. There were no sensational times recorded, but the spirit shown was excellent. With two exceptions, everybody, whether winning easily or well out of the race, finished as hard as they could, with none of this "easing-up" business. One of the exceptions "eased-up" so much in the hundred yards that he had come to a standstill before he had reached the finishing post! Can the 1st Bn. beat that?

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The Depôt Staff won the Cup, and May Squad the Shield. Mrs. Waight kindly presented the prizes at the end.

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Congratulations to the 1st Bn. on the success of their athletic team, and to the contributor of their notes for such a full

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account of the Scottish Command Sports. At the same time we must deplore his lukewarm affection for the pipes, and his views on their merits can not be those of the majority of the Regiment, who, after all, are Northumbrians.

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Of course Northumbrians have too nice an ear to be content with the *timbre* of the somewhat crude Scottish instrument, and have developed bagpipes of their own which, musicians declare, may actually be classed as instruments of music.

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Historians say that once (at any rate) in our rough island story the bagpipes were played (but were pretty gory), and so were passed on to the Scots, whae never jaloused it was an infeerior airticle till it was too late, and they have had to go on with them ever since, pretending that they like them, out of perverted pride.

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The canny Northumbrians, however, took what the South of England had rejected, and the Scots could not improve, and made a proper musical instrument out of it. Do you know that a Scotsman has to blow a spiritualized air into his bag in order to make it pipe? Maist insanitary, and deeliteerious tae the respira'ory system forbye. With the perfected instrument one straps it to one by a belt, blows the air—Northumbrian air for preference—into the bag by means of a bellows worked by the right arm. There are not just nine differently pitched squeals to produce, but all the usual notes—flats, sharps, super-quavers, quarter-staves, and what-nots inseparable from music. There are those ducky little keys which are so admired on flutes and clarionets, and all played by 'and. Thanks to the bellows arrangement the mouth can be used for the normal purposes—eating, smoking, drinking, kissing, having a bit crack wi' t'other lads, and if the worst comes to the worst, answering their queries as to what in Hexham you're playing now.

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Then, again, with one and the same set of pipes the Scot will

"Clamber a mountain and squat on the ground,
While the neighbouring chiels will all gather around,"

and from this coign of vantage go through the old process of sterilizing the rocks of Aden, shrivel up the flowers of yet another forest, and then, without so much as a "by your leave," burst in upon you at meal-times and send you to bed with dyspepsia for weeks. But the Northumbrian has different pipes for different occasions. Half-long for marching and playing out-of-doors generally, and if you insist on music with your food "small pipes" with a tone not much louder than a clarionet and with rather the same sound.

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He can thus, as it were, temper his wind to the forlorn L.R.A.M.

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We happen to know all this about the Northumbrian pipes because we were very kindly invited by those who are reviving interest in them to attend at Bellingham Fair, an exposition of pipe playing, with a view to persuading us to adopt them in the Regiment. We came away with the impression that those who have a genuine dislike for Scottish pipes need not necessarily dislike Northumbrian pipes, also that it would take a large number of pipes to make enough sound to reach even half-way down a battalion on the march, and that it would be exceedingly difficult to know what to wear when playing them.

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What is the Northumbrian dress? In some parts it would appear to be stout homespun, a pair of Army boots, and a stout hazel kent to help one over the moors; and then in others it is a dark blue suit, cloth cap, and a whippet; but neither seems to be particularly suitable for pipe playing.

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The General's inspection is over; the Cadre Competition is over; camps are over; cricket is finished, and summer has gone—so we can settle down to a bit of work and begin to take proper healthy exercise again.

BOXING NOTES.

5TH/6STH REGTL. DEPÔTS BOXING COMPETITION.

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Pte. White Pte. Berryman	Pte. Berryman	

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Pte. Bolton Fus. Spowart	Fus. Spowart	

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L/Cpl. Birkbeck Fus. Shaftoe	L/Cpl. Birkbeck	L/Cpl. Birkbeck, D.L.I.
Pte. Canham Pte. Dye	Pte. Canham	

Catchweights.

Pte. Grubb Fus. Johnson	Fus. Johnson	Fus. Johnson.
Fus. Kennedy Fus. Larkman	Fus. Larkman	

Total points:—5th Fus., 43; D.L.I., 61.

Four Rounds Contest:—Cpl. Brennan, D.L.I., *v.* L/Cpl. Flint, 5th Fus. Winner, Cpl. Brennan, D.L.I.

Four Rounds Contest:—Pte. Hudson, R.A.M.C., *v.* Mr. Fox, late D.L.I. Winner, Pte. Hudson.

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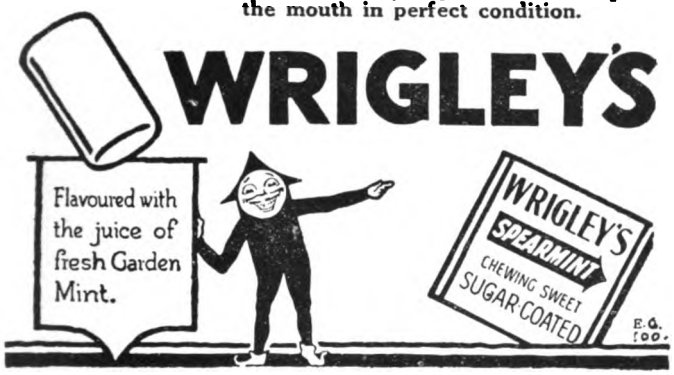

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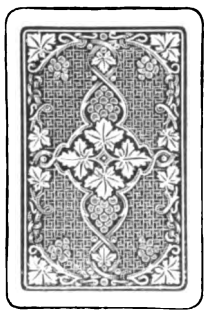

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4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN,
23rd September, 1926.

The writer, who for the last three and a half years has acted as 4th Bn. Contributor, pens these notes with a feeling of great regret that it is for the last time.

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On 29th September, Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., will take over the duties of Adjutant from Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E., whose appointment terminates on that date. We welcome Capt. Fryer to the Battalion and rejoice in the fact that for the next four years we are to continue to have as Adjutant an Officer of the FIFTH.

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The Annual Battalion Rifle Meeting was held at Ponteland on Saturday, 28th August. We were fortunate in having a perfectly fine day for the meeting and the turn-out on the whole was satisfactory.

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In the competition for the Ponteland Challenge Cup, a tie was recorded between C.S.M. McTeer, of "W" Coy., and Sergt. Nixon, of "Y" Coy., for first place. The tie will be shot off at the County Association Rifle Meeting next week.

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Fus. R. A. Nicholson distinguished himself by carrying off the Stewart Bronze and by winning the prizes both for the best Recruit shot and for the best shot amongst Lance-Corporals and Fusiliers—an extremely creditable performance.

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The first of the Team events was that for the Inter-Company Challenge Bowl, which was won very easily by the team of the H.Q. Wing, each member of which received a silver presentation spoon.

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The Field Firing Cup was won by "X" Coy. "A" Team, after some very close heats had been decided.

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The following shows in detail the results of the four competitions :—

THE PONTELAND CHALLENGE CUP AND GOLD MEDAL.

	Score.
1st, C.S.M. A. McTeer, "W" Coy. / 1st, Sgt. T. Nixon, "Y" Coy. } tie ..	93
3rd, C.Q.M.S. G. W. Sparrow, "W" Coy.	90
Best Shot amongst Cpls., Cpl. W. Turner, H.Q. Wing	86
Best Shot amongst Lce.-Cpls. and Fusrs., Fus. R. A. Nicholson, "X" Coy.	86

THE STEWART BRONZE AND GOLD MEDAL.

1st, Fus. R. A. Nicholson, "X" Coy.	86
2nd, Fus. S. Elliott, "Z" Coy.	54
3rd, Fus. J. McGraghan, H.Q. Wing	44

THE INTER-COMPANY CHALLENGE BOWL.

1st, H.Q. Wing Team	402
2nd, "X" Company	290
3rd, "Z" Company	288
4th, "Y" Company	268
5th, "W" Company	248

THE FIELD FIRING CUP.

1st, "X" Company "A" Team.

THE PERMANENT STAFF TROPHY.

1st, a/C.S.M. W. G. Wixon	85

At the termination of the meeting the C.O. presented the prizes.

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Our thanks are due to Capt. W. Watson, M.C., who so ably acted as Range Officer, and to whose efforts the success of the meeting was largely due, and to the other Officers and N.C.O.'s who assisted to run the meeting and make it a success.

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At the Regimental Sports of the 6th Bn., held on the Brigade Recreation Ground, Byker, on Saturday, 4th September, we managed to get third place in the open Relay Race, the first and second places going to teams from the Regimental Depôt. The four members of our team are to be heartily congratulated on their performance which, considering that they had had no training, and were only called upon the day before the Sports, was a very commendable one.

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The team consisted of :—

Fus. A. Bell, 220 Yards.
Fus. M. M. Delaney, 440 Yards.
Fus. H. Keating, 880 Yards.
Fus. W. Marmiom, 220 Yards.

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On Saturday, 2nd October, some of the senior Officers of the Battalion are to take part in the Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate, which has been arranged for that date.

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On the termination of his appointment, Major K. G. Williams is presenting to the Battalion a Silver Cup, to be called "The Adjutant's Cup," and to be competed for by Companies annually during the Training period outside camp. Marks will be allotted by the Adjutant for the time being, at his visits to Drill Halls and Ranges, etc., and the Cup will be held for one year by the Company scoring the highest marks. Should any Company succeed in winning the Adjutant's Cup three years in succession it will become the property of that Company, and a further Cup will be presented by the donor.

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Turn-Out, Recruit Training, Musketry, Efficiency of N.C.O.'s, Section Training, Drill, etc., will all count towards the marks allotted.

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Training for the year is now practically completed and signs are not lacking that our annual autumnal slumbers are about to commence.

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On 10th September, the County Association Rifle Meeting opened at Ponteland. The day was very nearly perfect, although the light during the forenoon was a little difficult. There was a very disappointing turn-out from the Battalion for the Individual events, and it must be admitted that enthusiasm for rifle shooting seems still to be confined to a small number of the older W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s and one or two senior Officers.

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Colonel Gibson made a very fine shoot at 500 yards, and C.S.M. Wodehouse, C.Q.M.S. Sparrow and Pioneer-Sergt. Milburn figured in the prize list, the last-named N.C.O. being runner-up for the Chipchase Cup.

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On 25th and 26th September, the meeting will be continued, and it is to be hoped that the turn-out on these days will make up for our lack of entrants on the first day of the meeting.

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The writer cannot close these notes without thanking the Detachment contributors for the continued support they have given him month after month with "copy" for the Battalion Notes.

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Information has just been received that Mr. J. C. Neville has been appointed to a Commission in the Battalion. This Officer will be posted to the H.Q. Wing for duty with the M.G. Platoon.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

At the present time we are very pleased with ourselves. The Bn. Rifle Meeting has taken place, and therein lies the source of our satisfaction. The weather was good, and we did well, every prize but one being won by Newburn, and we are not quite sure that we haven't got that either.

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Up to going-up-to-press time, the writer hasn't heard whether or not C.S.M. McTeer has fired off his final shoot with Sergt. Nixon, of Haltwhistle, for the Ponteland Challenge Cup and title of "Battalion Shot."

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If he *has* fired, and if he *has* won, then all the honours come to Newburn, which in our opinion is a very right and proper state of affairs.

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C.Q.M.S. Sparrow is a veritable "St. George" with his rifle, being a sort of musketry giant in "W" Company.

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We are also very proud of Fus. Nicholson, of "X" Coy., who as a recruit won the "Stuart Bronze," Gold Medal and twenty shillings for Best Recruit Shot in the Bn. He also won first prize as Best Shot amongst Lance-Corporals and Fusiliers, besides being a member of one of "X" Company winning teams.

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We have another lion in Cpl. Brown, of H.Q. Wing, who won the first prize for Best Shot amongst Corporals.

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In the team events, a H.Q. Wing team under C.S.M. Wodehouse outshone itself by winning the Inter-Company Challenge Bowl, and an "X" (Champion) Company team under Capt. Wood did good work in retaining the Field Firing Cup at Newburn.

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During the month "X" Coy. held competitions—a sand table exercise for Sergeants, Miniature Range Fire Orders for Corporals, and "Turn-Out in Marching Order" for Fusiliers.

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The Sergeants and Corporals' competitions brought out some really good work, but the "Turn-Out" was poorly patronised, although those who did compete were really good.

"W" Coy. has postponed its competitions until the Winter Training Season.

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Having sufficiently "patted our own backs," we must now turn to more solemn things.

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Our Adjutant, Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., is leaving us, his allotted span of Adjutant having been duly completed.

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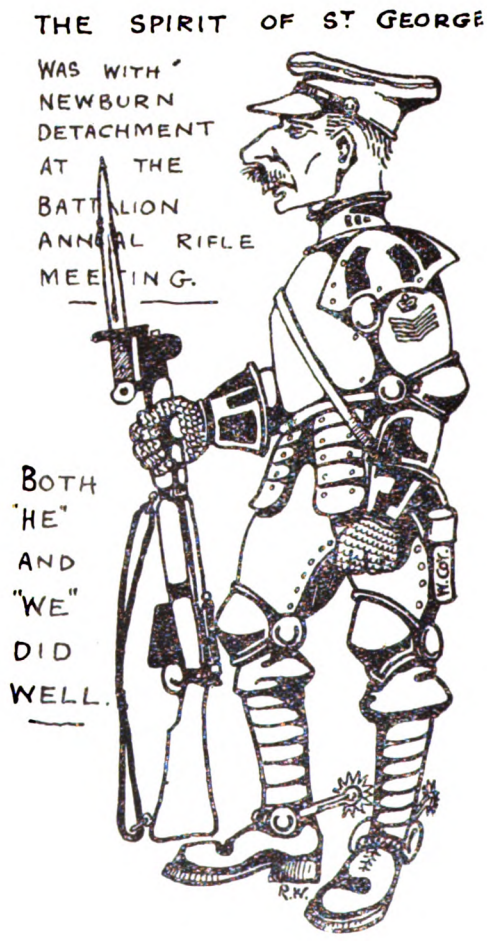
This is a great loss to us at Newburn, more particularly



perhaps than other Detachments, as we have seen a great deal more of him than they have.

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Major Williams has been a great friend and adviser, and has guided us in the ways of soldiering in no mean style.

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He has our very best wishes for the future, and we hope that he will not become "a memory," but that he will keep in touch.

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We welcome our new Adjutant, Lieut. Fryer, M.C., and tender the hope that he will have a good time with us.

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5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
September, 1926.

There is little to record since the last notes were written.

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Our Annual Inspection in Quarters by the Brigade Commander passed off, we think, in a satisfactory manner; anyway we have not yet received any list of our shortcomings, so we think we have passed the test. This being so, a period of peace ought to ensue for the next month or two—but one never knows in these modern times.

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Mr. Rowe completed a 24-day attachment to the Depôt last month, passed under canvas at Ponteland, so he was lucky to escape the dreary landscape of Fenham Barracks.

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It was very nice of the Depôt contributor in his August notes to insinuate that Territorial Battalions are not indebted to the said Depôt, giving at the same time a list of "commercial exchanges" to bear out his insinuation; but what about the following items, for which there appeared to be no exchange :—

(1) Instructing of N.C.O.'s at Depôt Courses.
(2) Boiling of water for rifle cleaning, loan of ammunition, etc., at Ponteland.
(3) Supplying Army Forms from time to time.
(4) Storage of certain items.
(5) Use of Officers and Squads for certain examinations.
(6) Checking the dress of Adjutants, and general carriage, on the rare occasions these strange gentlemen visit the Depôt in uniform.
(7) Loaning of tables, forms, etc., for Sports.
(8) The morale effect of their presence in the city, and many other items for which no exchange seems to have been made. If they are satisfied, we most certainly are.

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The Adjutant has returned from 12 days' leave, which he managed to get after repeated attempts to "work it in with pending work." We don't think he looks the better for his holiday, but perhaps 12 days is not long enough; or, again, perhaps he crammed a month of hectic life into those 12 days.

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The Northd. Rifle Association Meeting takes place at Ponteland on the 19th, 25th and 26th of this month. We have entered teams and individuals for it, but we have not had much practice this year; still, we hope for the best, and shan't feel disgraced whatever happens, as our week-end camps, other than the obligatory musketry ones, have been devoted to tactical training and not to practice for competitions.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
28th September, 1926.

As forecasted in your last issue, the Annual Sports took place on the Brigade Sports Ground at Byker on Saturday, the 4th September. Except for a high wind, the weather was delightful, and with a good turn-out of all ranks the event can be voted a great success.

Among those present in the Officers' enclosure were The Sheriff and Mrs. R. J. Thompson, Lt.-Col. Sir Alexander Leith, M.C., and Lady Leith, Capt. and Mrs. Halsted (D.L.I.), Lt.-Col. E. G. Angus, M.C. (R.A.), Col. and Mrs. J. J. Gillespie, Mr. Forbes Watson (5th Fusiliers Depôt), Mr. F. Moore and Mr. Clarke (10th Brigade R.A.), and many others.

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There were four teams entered for the Open Relay Race, which was won by "B" team, 5th Fus. Depôt, rather easily.

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There was a very exciting contest for the Sports Cup, the result being in the balance until the last race, *viz.* the Relay Race, which "B" Coy. won and annexed the Cup by the narrow margin of 3 points from "C" Coy.

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There was a very good turn-out of subalterns, all of whom ran themselves to a standstill on behalf of their Companies.

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During the afternoon the Battalion Band, under the direction of Bandmaster W. A. Crosse, discoursed a programme of music.

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The Officers and Sergeants entertained their guests in their own marquees, and the men and their wives and families were entertained to tea by the Battalion under the able direction of Lieut. and Quartermaster Ousmann. Over 700 sat down to an excellent repast.

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At the conclusion Mrs. Rogers very kindly presented the Cups and prizes—those for the ladies' and boys' and girls' races being generously given by her.

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Three cheers for everybody ended a very pleasant afternoon.

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Appended are the results :—

WINNERS OF EVENTS.

100 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.; 2, Fus. Hull, "B," Coy.; 3, 2nd-Lieut. Field, H.Q.

Half-Mile.—1, Sgt. Fife, "A" Coy.; 2, 2nd-Lieut. Gardner "B" Coy.; 3, 2nd-Lieut. Gillespie, "C" Coy.

Hurdles.—1, Lieut. France, "C" Coy.; 2, Fus. Hull, "B" Coy.; 3, Capt. Rutherford, "B" Coy.

Sack Race.—1, Fus. Brown, "B" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Evans, "B" Coy.; 3, Fus. Beckett, "D" Coy.

440 *Yards.*—1, 2nd-Lieut. Gardner, "B" Coy.; 2, Sgt. Fife, "A" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.

Open Relay.—1, "B" Team, Depôt Fusiliers; 2, "A" Team, Depôt Fusiliers; 3, 4th Bn. The North'd. Fus.

Recruits' Half-Mile.—1, Fus. Merrit, "A" Coy.; 2, Fus. Ellison, "C" Coy.; 3, Fus. Sloan, "B" Coy.

High Jump.—1, Capt. Rutherford, "B" Coy.; 2, 2nd-Lieut. France, "C" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.

One Mile.—1, Sgt. Fife, "A" Coy.; 2, Fus. Ellison, "C" Coy.; 3, Fus. Thackeray, "A" Coy.

Ladies' Race.—1, Mrs. Badger; 2, Miss Baggaley.

Obstacle Race.—1, Fus. Ellison, "C" Coy.; 2, Fus. Dunn, "B" Coy.; 3, Fus. Gray, "A" Coy.

220 *Yards.*—1, Fus. Hull, "B" Coy.; 2, 2nd-Lieut. Gardner, "B" Coy.; 3, 2nd-Lieut. Field, "C" Coy.

Tug-o'-War.—1, "C" Coy.; 2, H.Q.

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Long Jump.—1, Fus. Hull, "B" Coy.; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Berkley, "D" Coy.; 3, Fus. Hugh, "C" Coy.

Girls' Race (under 10 yrs.).—1, Dorothy Evans; 2, Mary Bright.

Girls' Race (over 10 yrs.).—1, Rosina Richardson; 2, Doris Shird.

Boys' Race (under 10 yrs.).—1, Bobby Richardson; 2, Arthur Hughes.

Boys' Race (over 10 yrs.).—1, Tommy Embleton; 2, Tommy Cummings.

Bn. Relay Race.—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.; 4, H.Q.

220 Yards Consolation.—1, Fus. Fisher, "A" Coy.; 2, Fus. Allison, H.Q.

Band Race.—1, Sgt. Kelly, H.Q.; 2, Bdsmn. Kidd, H.Q.

Cross Country Race.—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "C" Coy.

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WINNERS OF CUPS.

Duke of Northumberland's Cup.—"D" Coy.

Worsley Gough Cup.—H.Q. Coy.

Winter Training Cup.—"D" Coy.

Musketry Cup.—"C" Coy.

Football Cup.—"C" Coy.

Sports Cup.—"B" Coy.

Simon Trophy.—Lieut. H. E. Wilson.

Inter-Coy. Miniature Shoot.—1, "A" Coy., 364 points; 2, "C" Coy., 337 pts.

Officers versus Sergeants Shoot.—Sergeants, 506 pts.; Officers, 472 pts.

Sports Cup Points.—"B" Coy., 70 pts.; "C" Coy., 67 pts. "A" Coy., 49 pts.; H.Q. Coy., 27 pts.; "D" Coy., 8 pts.

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To celebrate "D" Company winning the Duke of Northumberland's Cup for the most efficient Company, Capt. F. Dawson gave a Company Smoker in the Men's Room on Wednesday, the 22nd September. Capt. Dawson entertained the Brigade Commander (Col. H. H. S. Morant, D.S.O.), the C.O., P.R.I. and Adjutant and his subalterns to dinner beforehand. Subsequently, and perhaps consequently, the Brigadier complimented Capt. Dawson on the efficiency of his Company in no empty terms, laying particular stress on the excellent organisation of his section leaders' classes.

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The Smoker was a great success, and the amount of beer consumed gladdened the soul of our otherwise soul-less P.R.I.

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We are glad to say that the Battalion entered wholeheartedly for the Northumberland Rifle Association meeting, which was held at Ponteland on the 18th, 25th and 26th September. H.Q. Coy. were 4th in the Earl Grey Challenge Shield, and 3rd in the Co-operative Union Challenge Shield. Mr. France was 6th in the Hunting Revolver competition. Fus. G. Easten and Fus. C. Johnson were 2nd and 3rd in the Recruits' prize; but our *chef d'oeuvre* was the winning of the Territorial Service Championship of Northumberland for the best individual shot by Fus. T. E. Rhodes, who was also awarded a badge for the second highest aggregate score throughout the meeting. Hearty congratulations to Fus. Rhodes.

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We have now made a real start, and next year we hope to win the 50th Division Memorial Cup, which was won again by the Northumberland Hussars.

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A word of real thanks is due to Mr. Wilson for his splendid efforts in getting up so much enthusiasm. He was ably backed up by all Officers, from the C.O. downwards.

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During the month Mr. Wilson and Mr. Carrick have been attached to the 1st Bn. for a fortnight at Glasgow. They speak in glowing terms of the hospitality and welcome bestowed on them, and we feel sure these visits are invaluable in keeping the spirit of the Regiment and its customs alive in the Territorial Battalions.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
20th September, 1926.

Our Military Training for the year was brought to a close on Sunday, the 12th September, when the Battalion had a final beat up at Moor Laws.

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The Inter-Platoon Drill and Turn-out Competition for the Drill Shield, and the competition for the Lewis Gun Cup, were decided, and great keenness was evinced.

Photo by] [*J. Freeman Lamb, Alnwick.*

GROUP OF OFFICERS.

Front Row (from reader's left to right).—Lt. Moscrop, Capt. Appleby, Capt. Ledgerwood, Major Hon. Harold Robson, Col. N. I. Wright, Capt. Watson.
Second Row.—2nd-Lieut. Sanderson, 2nd-Lieut. Green, 2nd-Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Dargie, Capt. Trenam, Capt. Gailon.
Back Row.—2nd-Lieut. Simpson, Lieut. Potts, Lieut. Forbes Watson.

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Companies were represented in the former by their best Platoon, having previously arranged their own competitions to decide which Platoon was to have the honour of representing them.

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The tests, and the respective Judges were:—

(a) *Numbers on Parade*—100 points possible—R.S.M.
(b) *Inspection*—100 pts. possible—Adjutant.
(c) *Drill*—100 pts. possible—Lieut. R. F. Forbes-Watson.
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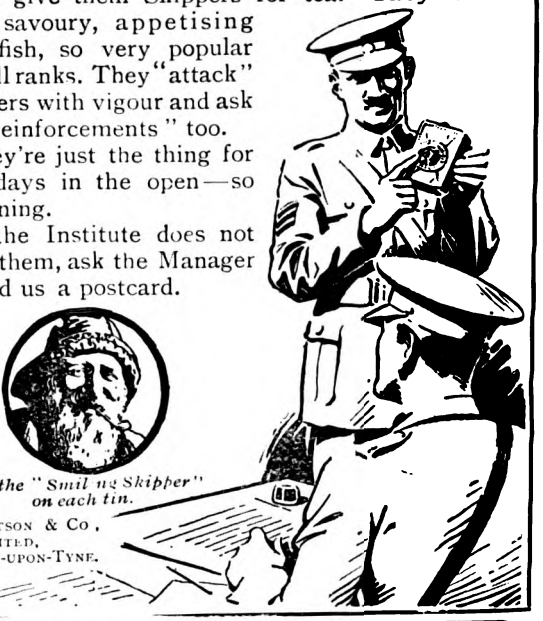

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This was won by "C" Company, "B" Company being a very good second.

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In the Lewis Gun Competition each Company had four

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COL. N. I. WRIGHT, D.S.O., PRESENTING THE DRILL SHIELD TO SGT. J. BELL, COMMANDER OF NO. 10 PLATOON, "C" COY.

representatives—the heats being fired off in the morning and the final in the afternoon.

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The practices were :—Ranging and Application (8 and 25 rounds respectively) at 500 yds., 400 yds. and 300 yds., each hit on the target—one 4 in. L.A. target per firer—in the application practices counting one point. No allowance of any kind was made for mechanical or other stoppage.

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Unfortunately, Companies, shortsightedly, only brought one gun each, and "C" Coy. had a prolonged stoppage just before the third heat, and their 3rd and 4th representatives were unable to fire in consequence. The "S.O.S." was sent to Amble, and two guns arrived in time for their solitary finalist.

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The following competed in the final :—

Winner of Heat 1	..	Lce.-Cpl. Robson, "A" Coy.
,, 2	..	Fus. Potts, "C" Coy.
,, 3	..	Fus. Cairns, "B" Coy.
,, 4	..	Fus. Mansell, "B" Coy.

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Fusilier Mansell, "B" Coy., won the final with 50 pts., Fus. Potts, "C" Coy., being second with 45 pts.

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Major Cowen judged at the firing point, assisted by Mr. Forbes-Watson in the final, and Mr. Fuller was in the butts.

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The score board for the two competitions finally read as follows :—

DRILL SHIELD.

	For Strength.	Inspection.	Drill.	Gen. Impression.	Total.
Possible points ..	100	100	100	100	400
"A" Coy., No. 4 Platoon	0	25	55	40	120
"B" Coy., No. 6 Platoon	80	69	86	75	310
"C" Coy., No. 10 Platoon	100	63	87	65	315
"D" Coy., No. 14 Platoon	60	60	83	50	253

LEWIS GUN CUP.

Coy.		500 yds.	400 yds.	300 yds.	Total
Possible points ..		25	25	25	
"A"	Fus. Robson ..	11	9	22	42
"B"	Fus. Cairns ..	5	5	16	26
"B"	Fus. Mansell ..	13	19	18	50
"C"	Fus. Potts ..	15	7	23	45

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The winners were heartily congratulated all round, and deservedly so for the excellence of the shows put up by them.

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A very good demonstration to show the comparative effect

Photo by] *[J. F. Lamb, Alnwick.*

COL. WRIGHT PRESENTING THE LEWIS GUN CUP TO FUS. MANSELL, OF "B" COY.

of one Vickers Gun, one Lewis Gun, one Rifle Section, and one rifleman, was carried out in the afternoon.

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Also an individual sniping practice—each Company nominating its best shot.

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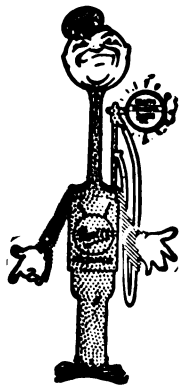

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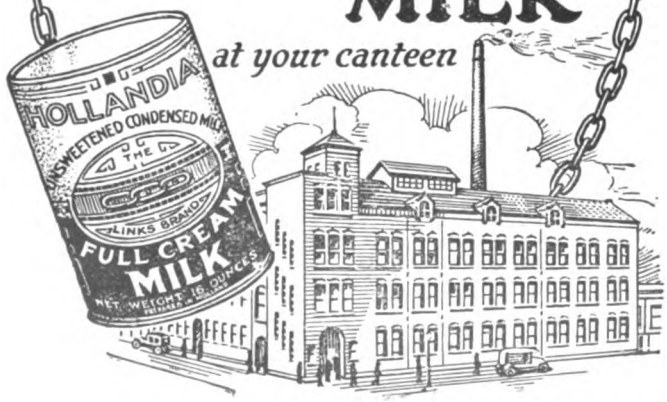

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C.Q.M.S. Adamson, of " B " Coy., shot so well that the C.O. awarded him a special prize for his effort.

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Colonel Morant was present during the afternoon.

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At the conclusion Colonel Wright presented the prizes.

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Addressing the Battalion, he briefly related how camp having been cancelled owing to the industrial situation had caused considerably more work to devolve upon Battalion Headquarters this year than in a normal training season. Instead of one fortnight in June, all together and done with, here we were in the middle of September just concluding our year's training.

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A satisfactory year's training he felt it had been, despite the difficulties of organising separate camps for each Company, coupled with the very limited periods of actual training possible (and a week-end was nothing like long enough, yet took almost the same amount of advance organisation as the full period); and he wished to express his thanks to all ranks—especially the Adjutant and the Permanent Staff—for the efforts put forth by everyone to render the results achieved possible. He also added a word of thanks to Mr. Forbes Watson, who had so often come down from the Depôt to assist in the Battalion's training.

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The Colonel then gave out that this would be his last Battalion Parade as Commanding Officer—a fact greatly regretted by all—but of that more anon.

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Three hearty cheers were given for Col. Wright as he left the parade ground.

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This was also to be Capt. Appleby's last appearance on a Battalion Parade with " C " Coy.—the War Office having refused to grant him any further extension.

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His cheery presence will be sadly missed in the Battalion in the days to come, and we feel sure that he also will miss being with us.

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May the best of good fortune be his, and may a successor worthy of the " Army " he has raised and so successfully trained be speedily found to fill the almost unfillable place caused by his retirement.

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After tea, Companies were transported to the top of Clayport by busses, where the Battalion formed up for a march through Alnwick.

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The Colours were removed from Headquarters and joined the Battalion here (King's Colour, Lieut. Potts; Regimental Colour, 2nd-Lieut. Sanderson).

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The march was very impressive, almost everyone in Alnwick turning out—such a sight being unknown in Alnwick, at any rate since the war.

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The troops carried themselves very well, and it was a fitting final parade for Col. Wright.

The Salute was taken by Col. Morant at Battalion Headquarters, after which the Bn. marched to the vicinity of the Railway Station, where the busses were waiting to take Companies back to their various stations—and so to Winter Quarters.

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We were favoured with glorious weather, right up to the March Past, when a little rain fell—but nothing like sufficient to damp the excellent spirits of the soldiers.

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The other events of interest this month are covered in the various detachment notes.

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Battalion strength to-day:—20 Officers, 595 Other Ranks.

MORPETH NOTES.

September, 1926.

As the week-end camps have now finished, training has almost come to an end for this season—which has been very interesting throughout.

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Our voluntary classes are still running, and our " White Hopes " are doing well.

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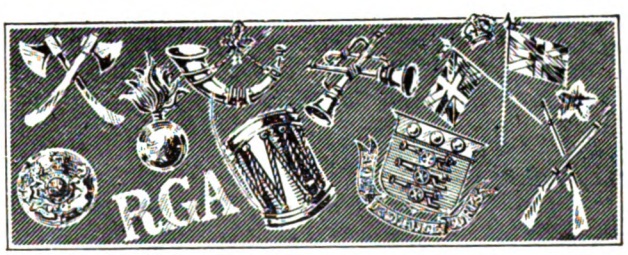
The Parade at Alnwick on the 12th September is something that the whole Bn. will not forget—the farewell to Col. Wright. As we all know, it is largely due to the very great interest he has taken in all of us throughout that has brought this very fine Battalion to what it is to-day. Our very best wishes go with him for the future.



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I hear the new C.O. has good praise for us, and we welcome him as Col. Wright's successor.

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The musketry demonstrations at Moor Laws were fine, the young recruits especially enjoying this part of the programme.

ASHINGTON NOTES.

September, 1926.

" B " Coy. spent an enjoyable week-end at Moor Laws on the 4th and 5th September. Except for a slight shower on Sunday morning, the weather was glorious.

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The soldiers were conveyed from Ashington by motor buses.

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On arrival at Alnwick Station we debused and together with the Band marched through the town to Clayport, where we embused, and so to Moor Laws.

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The programme of work was based on the lessons taught at the Officers' and N.C.O.'s week-end, and a most instructive and interesting time was spent.

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The Section Leaders handled their Sections with confidence, and it was apparent they (the Section Leaders) had made good use of the " Little Yellow Book."

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The T.A.R.A. competition was shot off on Sunday afternoon, and we were able to head the Battalion.

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The C.O. and Adjutant spent the week-end with us, and Mr. Simpson was " loaned " for training. Other Officers in camp were Capt. E. H. Watson, O.C. " B " Coy.; Mr. Sanderson; Capt. Dargie, M.C. (Transport Officer); Mr. Fuller and Mr. Adlard.

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Total other ranks, 107.

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The Officers dined in camp on Saturday, and spent the evening yarning. The Adjutant won with his story about an " O.C. Ship, a Petty Officer, and a Marine."

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We beg to draw the attention of the Berwick Detachment to the 1st Bn. notes in the August *Gazette re* Bagpipes.

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We are looking forward to the Northd. Rifle Asso. meeting at Ponteland, and hope to do even better than last year.

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FINAL MUSKETRY SUNDAY.

After a few days' rest we again proceeded to Moor Laws on Sunday, 12th September.

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Two Officers and 103 Other Ranks paraded.

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An interesting programme had been arranged, the principle events being :—

(a) Drill and Turn-out Competition.
(b) Heats and Final of Lewis Gun Cup.

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No. 6 Platoon (Sgt. Smails) represented the Company in the first event, and put up a fine show; it was unfortunate (from the Platoon's point of view) that two of its members were unable to turn out on account of their employment. This cost us 20 points, and we were placed 2nd.

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We congratulate the winners, " C " Coy.

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In the Lewis Gun competition we were represented in the Final by Fus. Cairns and Fus. Mansell, the latter after an exciting shoot winning the Cup.

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C.Q.M.S. Adamson distinguished himself when demonstrating a Sniping practice, and was awarded a special prize.

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This being a Battalion show, and as our modesty forbids us to say more, we leave further details in the hands of the Bn. Scribe.

AMBLE NOTES.

September, 1926.

On the 27th and 28th of August, the Company, under Capt. T. Appleby, went under canvas at Moor Laws for their week-end camp, which had been looked forward to by all ranks for a considerable period.

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About 150 all ranks turned out, fully demonstrating the popularity of these week-end camps.

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On Saturday, at 1 p.m., we commenced our programme with an inspection by the Divisional Commander, and it was very pleasing to note that he was pleased with all that he saw.

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At the conclusion of the inspection he said that he was delighted with all he had seen, and hoped that next year the Annual Camp would not have to be postponed.

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The programme under Platoon arrangements was then commenced, and a very instructive afternoon was spent.

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In the evening the " trek " to the village of Alnwick began, where one learned later that a very happy time had been spent.

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The Dance Halls and other places of amusement were well patronised, and the programmes put forward by the townspeople were fully appreciated.

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On Sunday we began the final part of our programme, which was concluded in the evening by Lewis Gun and Rifle Competitions.

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At 6 p.m. we embused for home, after having spent an ideal week-end, fully satisfied with the results obtained.

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On the 12th September we again returned to the Moor Laws for the final parade of the season.

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The programme drawn up was a good one and fully appreciated by all.

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The Best Turn-out and Drill Competition was won by No. 10

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Platoon of "C" Coy., commanded by Sergt. J. Bell, and he is to be congratulated on the splendid show put up by his Platoon.

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It was early realised that we were not the only ones in the competition as our opponents had made great strides, but this did not daunt us, and we went all out to win.

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All ranks were delighted at the win, as it was the last occasion on which Capt. T. Appleby, Company Commander since 1921, would be on parade, and it was fitting too that he should lead his Company through Alnwick at the head of the Battalion for the last time.

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All ranks appreciate the hard work put in by the judges of this competition, as it is not at all an easy matter, but it was done in a manner which appealed to all.

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In the individual Lewis Gun Competition we got second place with Fus. J. W. Potts, who joined us in 1925—a good performance indeed for so young a Territorial; he should go far in future competitions.

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

September, 1926.

After a difficult training year, the musketry and drills of the Detachment are finished. Owing to the industrial dispute, training was first temporarily suspended, and then drills were only allowed without arms—consequently the standard attained at Musketry has been somewhat below par. It is hoped that next year more time will be available for Musketry to make up for the loss this year.

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On the 30th August, a Rifle Meeting was held at Berwick by the Depôt, K.O.S.B. An invitation was extended to the Detachment to enter a team for a Knock-out Competition—which we accepted.

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We were beaten by 1 point in a very even match, and considering that the Depôt K.O.S.B. are the holders of the Prince of Wales' Cup—one of the finest Cups fired for in the British Army—we flatter ourselves that we did very well indeed.

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On Sunday, the 12th September, No. 14 Platoon, under Sergt. J. V. Taylor, supported by other members of the Coy., proceeded to Alnwick for the Platoon Drill Competition. The turn-out was good, and splendid competition was seen for the award of marks in drill and inspection. We lost 40 points, however, through four of the Platoon being off parade through either sickness or accident—two being in hospital and two in bed. Had we been in a position to produce four death certificates full points would have been obtained on this score.

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Four Lewis Gunners also competed for the Lewis Gun Cup—but they "also ran."

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Nothing mechanical is infallible, as these four found out, but we were not alone in this act. However, more time will be devoted to stoppages and their remedy next training season.

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The demonstrations given by the different fire units were greatly appreciated, and showed the spectators what is meant by "fire effect." All who were not present are strongly advised not to get in front of a well-managed Vickers Gun.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION (LONDON AREA).

With deepest regret we record the death of Mr. W. C. Redman, an old Fifth Fusilier and an original member of the O.C.A.

We welcome amongst our newly-joined members :—Lt.-Col. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., and Mr. W. Watson, recently discharged from the 1st Battalion.

Arrangements are being pushed forward for our Re-Union Dinner at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. 1, and as a guarantee of 200 diners has been given we trust that our members will help us to reach and possibly exceed that number.

The Quarterly Meeting and a Social will be held at Headquarters at 7 p.m., on Monday, 18th October.

H. I. MORGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

Letters to the Editor.

THE IVY HOUSE,
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23rd September, 1926.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Some of the old readers of *St. George's Gazette* might be interested to read that by the kindness of Colonel Herbert, the Band of the 1st Bn. played a delightful programme on my lawn to a most appreciative audience of 110 persons, including Mrs. Francis Drake and myself, ten sons and daughters—nine born in the Regiment; three of these children of the Regiment were awarded decorations for War Service :—M.C. to Capt. Percy Carden, R.F.C.; R.R.C. to Miss E. Wadling, Q.A.I.M.N.S.; and M.B.E. to Miss Harkness, Hon. Sec. S.S.F.A. In all, 12 individuals who gladly rested their eyes again on the green facings, once so familiar.

The day was perfect; the tall trees and old grey stone house made a good setting for the scarlet uniforms. I have many happy memories of the Regiment, but I think the 9th September will stand second to the proudest of my life, when I presented the Queen's Afghan Medals, pinning Major Francis

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Drake's alongside his Indian Mutiny Medal, gained also in service with the FIFTH.

Yours sincerely,
ANNABELLA H. HARKNESS.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
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To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

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J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A JOB.

BY MAJOR F. K. HARDY, D.S.O.,
Army Educational Corps.

A number of books giving advice as to the best way of making an application for employment, have been published in America, but I have not met with any such books published in this country. Those American books are interesting, but the advice they give, though sound, is not entirely applicable to British conditions. So, for the benefit of N.C.O.'s and men who will be leaving the Colours shortly, I will attempt to give some words of advice.

To the uninitiated it may seem that there is nothing to learn about applying for a job, but there is a lot. Approximately, one in every fifty of the population of these Islands is out of work, so that competition to obtain employment is very fierce, and consequently the man who can "show off" his capabilities well has an enormous advantage.

Speaking broadly, application for employment is made by :—

(*a*) Inserting an advertisement in the "Situations wanted" columns of a newspaper. This method is not recommended, as few employers can spare the time to scan these columns.

(*b*) Registering one's name at recognised Employment Bureaux. It is, of course, essential to register at the Labour Exchange, and very advisable to register with every available association or bureau which can assist in finding employment. Agencies which charge fees should be avoided unless something in their favour is known. Do not be satisfied with registration, but continue the search for work unceasingly.

(*c*) Answering advertisements which appear in the "Situations vacant" columns of newspapers. I will deal with this at length later.

(*d*) Personal application to foremen and others authorised to take on hands. I will have some remarks to make on this when dealing with personal interview.

To turn to the application written in response to an advertisement in a newspaper. These advertisements, by the way, appear in the greatest number and variety on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, which seem to be the best days in the week for obtaining employment. Great care must be exercised in writing the letter of application, because on that letter—and that alone—will the applicant be judged as being worthy of further attention. It would be no harm to practice such letters, as it is essential to picture the type of man, and his qualifications, likely to be required by the employer. The applicant should, if he has those qualifications, bring them out clearly and concisely in his letter, carefully avoiding any superfluous information. Remember that, if the job is worth having, the employer will receive several hundred applications and naturally will consider more readily those applicants whose letters set out their qualifications briefly, clearly and logically.

Unless the advertisement asks for the salary required, no mention should be made of it in the letter. This can be done later if the application meets with approval. In any case it is wisest to let the employer make the first move ; the applicant *may* undervalue his services, or he may ask too much, and so be passed over. Similarly unless called for, testimonials should not be forwarded, except possibly in the case of a chit from an officer which may prove that the applicant is *the* man for the job. In no circumstances should original testimonials be sent, copies are quite sufficient. Whenever possible these copies should be typewritten ; on no account should they be printed. Printed testimonials give a bad impression as they savour too much of the babu or the professional applicant.

In certain better paid posts the address from which a letter is sent, and the paper on which it is written, undoubtedly influence employers in the selection of candidates for employment.

It is imperative that the letter should be posted as soon as possible after the publication of the paper. The delay of a day may be fatal. It is not unusual for five hundred letters to be received in answer to an advertisement for a desirable post ; hence the odds are against anyone whose application is not received in the first few batches. An employer does not care to hold over his decision many hours, let alone days.

If the written application meets with approval, a personal interview is required. I will treat this and the personal application referred to above, together. In these interviews the applicant has to rely on himself entirely, so it is essential that he makes up his mind beforehand what he intends to say ; in fact, he must rehearse the interview. Personal appearance counts for much, so the applicant should be as alert and businesslike as possible. He should be scrupulously clean in person, and his clothes, no matter how old they may be, should be well brushed and tidy. A down-at-heel bedraggled man handicaps himself unnecessarily. Naturally a man should dress according to the job he seeks ; a man who dresses like a bricklayer will have little hope of a job as a clerk, and *vice versa*. If the interview takes place in a room the applicant must take off his hat before entering ; soldiers are apt to forget this custom. The applicant should avoid being nervous ; he should try and impress the employer with the fact that he is confident and capable of doing the work. All questions should be answered briefly and civilly. Unnecessary talk should be avoided : it is not called for, and may give the applicant away. In most trades the man will be set to some task to test his ability and value. He should get to work in a businesslike and confident way. Hesitation or lack of confidence will attract unfavourable comment, and may be disastrous.

In conclusion, do not be misled by the old saying, "All things come to him who waits" ; good employment only comes to those who have the wits and the energy to find it, and to impress employers with their suitability.

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EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. and Bt. Major K. G. Williams, O.B.E., is restored to the Establishment (dated 29th September).

Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., is seconded for service as an Adjutant, T.A. (dated 29th September).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS.

Lt.-Col. H. H. Neeves, D.S.O., M.C., late North'd. Fus., to be Major (dated 6th October), and relinquishes the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Capt. (Bt. Major) K. G. Williams, O.B.E., North'd. Fus., vacates the appointment of Adjutant (dated 29th September); Lieut. R. W. R. Fryer, M.C., North'd. Fus., to be Adjutant, and is granted the temp. rank of Captain in the T.A. (with pay and allowances of a Lieutenant) whilst holding that appointment (dated 29th September).

6th Bn.—J. A. Crisp (late Cadet, Oundle School Contgt., Junior Division, O.T.C.) to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 27th October).

The War Office announces that the following Army Officer is qualified, as a result of the last examination in foreign languages, to be interpreter in the language stated against his name:—

Second Class.—Capt. C. R. L. English, North'd. Fus., French,

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Obituary.

SERGT. PETER DRYDEN, M.S.M.

We regret to record the death, at Newcastle, on 8th October, of Sergt. Peter Dryden, M.S.M., late of the Regiment, aged 52 years. Sergt. Dryden enlisted into the FIFTH in January, 1893, and was discharged time-expired in January, 1914. During that period of service he served in the Sudan Campaign, 1898, the Occupation of Crete, and the South African War. On discharge, he became a member of the Corps of Com-

SERGT. P. DRYDEN, M.S.M.

missionaires, and on the outbreak of the Great War rejoined his old Regiment and served 4½ years on various fronts.

Medals :—Sudan, Queen's and Khedive's ; South Africa, Queen's ; Great War, 1914–15 Star, General Service, Victory and Meritorious Service ; also the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

After again returning to civil life he was employed as a Commissionaire at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle, and was highly esteemed and admired by patrons for his geniality, courtesy and splendid well-set-up appearance.

With impressive military ceremonial by troops from the Depôt, his remains were laid to rest in St. Andrew's Cemetery on 12th October. To his widow and relatives we respectfully extend Regimental sympathy on the passing of a very fine 5th Fusilier.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

October, 1926.

Certain aspects of our move from Glasgow to Ballykinlar were reminiscent of the war. For some days before we actually moved rumours began to get abroad that a change was in the air. First of all it was suggested that we were going to Stobs Camp, close to the Border. Next after that came a mildly sensational rumour from Ardeer to the effect that we were certainly not going to be in Glasgow for more than a fortnight longer anyway.

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Like all other rumours, these were received with varied emotions. Some straightway seized upon and accepted them as realities and began to discuss the shooting possibilities at Stobs, and its proximity to our own county, etc., etc. ; others "wouldn't be at all surprised, you know," if we did move, and thought anything was better than Glasgow anyway ; and others still grunted sceptically and growled that *nothing* nowadays would surprise them.

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And still we went on, out to the range every day by tram at eight o'clock, back at four o'clock, out again the next day, whilst the rumours gradually died away into the limbo of forgotten things.

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A few evenings later, whilst the usual bridge was in progress in the Officers' Mess, a friend rang up the C.O. to say good-bye, as he heard that we were, at twenty-four hours' notice, to go—destination unknown ! The life of this rumour was about two minutes, and bridge was resumed.

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Next day we went out to the range as usual, and as usual returned at about four p.m. We jeered, of course, when we were met at the gate by the Weapon Training Officer, who said, all in one breath : "We're—moving—you—will—finish—your — instructional — practices — on — Friday — classify — on Monday — and — Tuesday — and — fire — your — Lewis —turn —at—Ballykinlar——that all right ?" After which, with a gay "Ta-ta !" he hopped nimbly (*sic*) on to a passing tram, which was going into the town, and disappeared.

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Of course, if such a thing had been possible, it would have been very much "all right," but we were tired and cold after a long day on the range, and our only sensation was one of mingled annoyance and pity for him that he should choose such an ill-judged moment for a practical joke so entirely lacking in originality. And if, on the pretext of pressure of work, he *must* dash home from the range on the L.G. tender, whilst we crawled home on the Corporation trams, he might at least, we felt, have had more respect for our feelings and our intelligence than to meet us at the gate in mufti, obviously going down into the town !

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And so, suffering acutely from Glasgow-itis in its most morose form, to our parade grounds, and next to the Mess for tea, where, to our very great surprise and relief, we learned that arrangements were really afoot for our move to Ballykinlar about twelve days later.

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We repented of our wrath; for the Weapon Training Officer and the insult to our injured intelligence was forgotten in the rejoicings over this stupendous piece of news.

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After that, whilst two companies continued their musketry, arrangements for the move and for handing over barracks went on smoothly and easily. The day before we left, the Battalion was paraded for inspection by the G.O.C. Lowland Area, Major-General H. L. Reid, V.C., C.B., C.M.G. After the inspection General Reid addressed the Battalion.

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In his address he reminded us that it was an unusual thing for an English Regiment to be quartered in Glasgow, and that for that reason alone we might have been looked upon with somewhat critical eyes by people who would be, perhaps unconsciously, drawing comparisons between an English Regiment and the Scottish ones usually stationed there. He went on to

COL. HERBERT AND MR. MACMULLEN ON S.S. "MOORFOWL."

say that we had more than stood the test, and complimented us very highly on our good behaviour in Glasgow, and upon our clean turn-out, physique and general appearance.

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After he had bidden the Battalion farewell, we marched past in fours, after which he said good-bye individually to the Officers, who felt that they were leaving behind them a very good friend of the Regiment.

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We marched out of barracks the following day at five o'clock, led by the Pipers of the 1st Bn. The Royal Scots, and let it here be said that however justified may have been the storms of criticism levelled at us by the Editor of the *Gazette*, or by the Depôt Sub-Editor (who anyway should be grateful to us for having given him something to write about, as well as the opportunity of displaying so much "pipe-lore"), however justified they may have been, we really did appreciate the pipes on the march, and the courtesy of the Royal Scots in sending them.

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The Battalion embarked on the *Moor-fowl*, one of the ordinary Glasgow-Belfast boats, and after a crowded but calm night crossing, arrived at Belfast the following morning, where the Band of the 68th very kindly met us and played us across to the station.

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We finally reached Ballykinlar Halt a little after noon, and . . . well, here we are at last, settled down and carrying on just as if we had never really been away at all. We have been back just ten days and already Maryhill, Cowcaddens, Sauchiehall Street, Ardeer, and even the coal strike seem very much things of the past. The Officers are much indebted to Capt. Lindsay, who, whilst Commanding Details during our absence in Glasgow, contrived to make the Mess at Ballykinlar a great deal more comfortable than it was when we left.

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At the present time annual range courses are being finished off in the brighter intervals between snowstorms, hail and rain, and games have started right away.

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Our original games programme for this winter has had to be revised, and at a meeting of the Games Committee held after our return, the following decisions were agreed upon.

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Firstly, that as the North Ireland District Hockey Tournament was beginning early in November, hockey should be given first place for the time being. It was accordingly decided to complete the Inter-Company Hockey League by about 10th November, and to hold Battalion Trials in the meantime.

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As regards football, the first round of the N.I.D. Football Tournament has to be completed by 31st January, 1927. It was decided, therefore, to start the Inter-Company Football 1st League as soon as the hockey was finished, and to complete it before the end of the year, leaving the 2nd League to be played after Christmas.

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An Inter-Company Rugger League will also be held late in the season, and the Catch-weight Tug-of-War about the third week in January.

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A further item of interest as regards football is that the first round of the Army Cup has to be completed by 20th November. We are drawn against the 68th, who have choice of ground. We had three football matches in Glasgow, and after one or two more trials and some training our team should be fit enough for this game.

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The matches played in Glasgow were against Glasgow Tramways 2—one won, one lost—and against Glasgow Post Office, this last-named being a drawn game with no score.

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One other sporting event in Glasgow was a swimming gala

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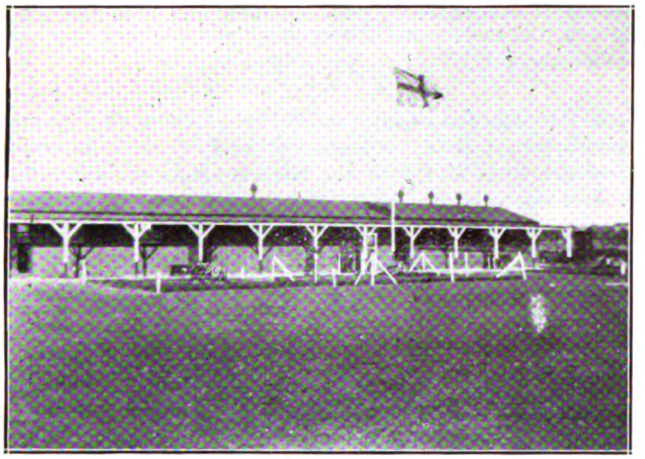
at Maryhill Baths, in which we were invited to take part in a



GUARD ROOM AND ORDERLY ROOM, BALLYKINLAR.

50 yards scratch race open to Military in Maryhill Barracks—*i.e.*, to ourselves, the Royal Scots, and the Depôt H.L.I.

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In this event we rather swept the board, as will be seen from the following :—

1st Heat.—1, Fus. Cornwall ; 3, Fus. Cuthbert.

2nd Heat.—1, Bdsmn. Cooney ; 2, Fus. Dickenson ; 3, Fus. Good.

Final.—1, Bdsmn. Cooney ; 2, Fus. Dickenson ; 3, Fus. Good.

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Fus. Cornwall in the final was crossed by Fus. Cuthbert and would have been well up otherwise.

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"W" Company have gone on their annual leave, and we have settled down to our winter programme of leave, intensive training, hockey, football, etc.

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Colonel Herbert, Major Booth, Mr. Macmullen, and Capt. Stanton, R.A.M.C., have already been out, some of them twice, with the East Down Harriers, and there will be more to follow them in a short time.

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Of the remaining Officers, Capt. Powell, Mr. Crawhall, Mr. Carr-Ellison, Mr. Seth-Smith and Mr. Butterfield are on leave, the two last-named having gone straight on leave after each obtaining a Q. 1 at Hythe. Mr. Bolster has gone on three months' language leave in France ; Mr. Yorke is on leave, following a machine gun course ; Capt. Buckley is at Hythe ; and Mr. Bland is on a gas course at Porton.

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Shortly after the Battalion returned, Mr. Jones left us to go to Nigeria. He takes with him our good wishes for the best of luck and a successful tour there. We shall miss him in many ways in the Mess, and as a member of the Battalion boxing, hockey, athletic and cricket teams he will not be easy to replace.

During part of the past month we have been very glad to have with us Capt. Rutherford, of the 6th Bn., who left on the 23rd, after a fortnight's attachment. If he was as much "at home" with us as he was welcome, we are satisfied ; and if as a result of his visit his gain in military knowledge was on a par with his bridge winnings, he should look upon his attachment as a most profitable one in every way.

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We welcome this month Mr. Laing, who has joined from the R.M.C.

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And so at last we bring our notes to a close in our rightful home at Ballykinlar. There may be amongst us an insignificant few who were sorry to leave Glasgow, with its more varied amusements of the town variety, but they will doubtless discover in time that it is possible to exist pleasantly enough without numerous *palais-de-dance*, cinemas, fish shops, etc. And even these few must be thankful to be back in Ballykinlar just in time to save some money for their leave.

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If they do not find cause for contentment in that, but still hanker after the bright lights—well, all we can say is that it will do them a power of good to winter in Ballykinlar.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It is now many moons since words of wisdom emanated from this source, but blame not the contributor.

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It became necessary for the regular writer of these notes to go to England, so the Deputy-Contributor was asked to write a few lines.

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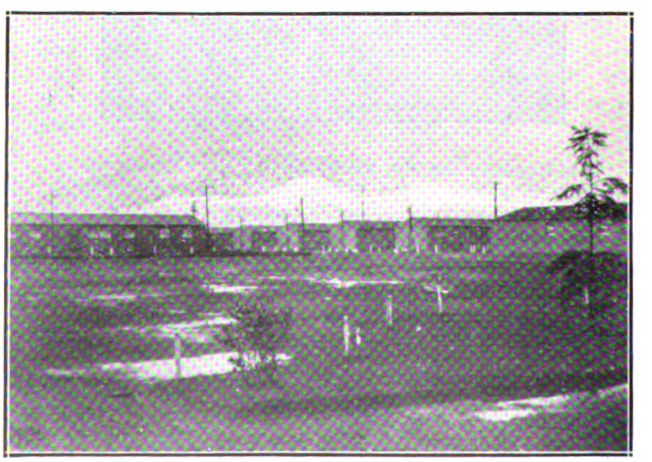

WINTER AT BALLYKINLAR.

Deputy-Contributor, who in turn asked the Deputy-Acting-Assistant-Contributor, who asked the ——. So there you are.

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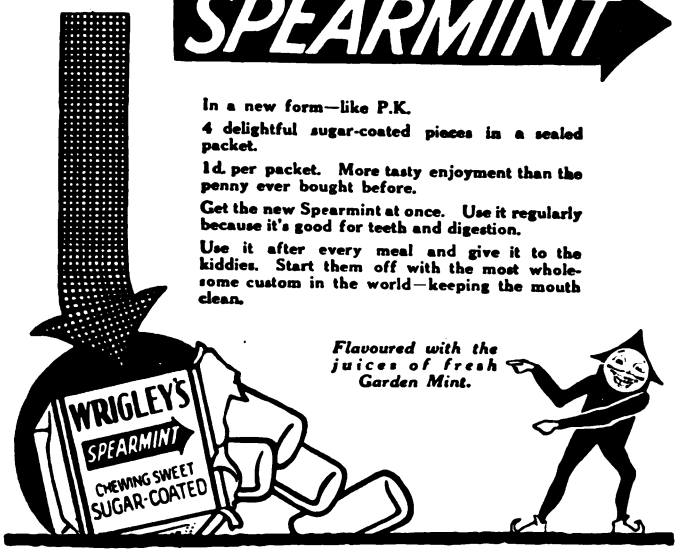

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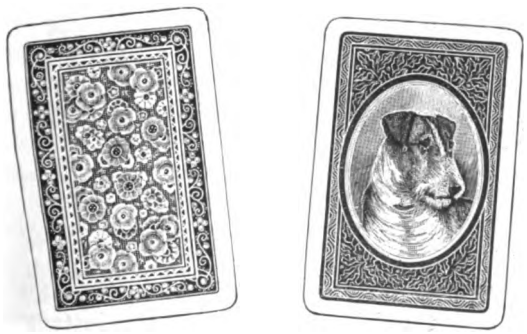

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However, since the last appearance of any notes, there have been events, many and varied.

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We extend a very hearty welcome to the following on their appointment to Lce.-Sergeant :—Lce.-Sgts. Kelly, Lawless, Forbes and Dennis.

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Congratulations are also due to Sergts. Peppian, Chapman, Cogan and Hurt on their promotion to this rank.

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The leave season having commenced, many of our members are now enjoying their hard-earned annual respite from military duties.

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Our best wishes are extended to C.S.M.'s Wisdom, Watson and Sergt. Phillips, who have gone to " Civvy " life. May they prosper exceeding well.

Amongst the departed, the name of C.S.M. Dipper, D.C.M., must be mentioned. His loss, which we hope is only temporary, is the 7th Bn.'s gain, he having gone there to take up the duties of R.S.M.

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Sergt. Greaves has also gone to the Territorial Staff as an Instructor. We wish him the best of good luck.

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We are now back home in Ballykinlar, for which many thanks. We left Glasgow on the 14th inst. and arrived here on the 15th, about 1.30 p.m.

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We signalised our return by having a Social and Dance in the Mess. This function was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. Mellors on the birth, at Ballykinlar, on 28th September, 1926, of a boy.

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Also to Sergt. Ratcliffe on the birth, at Ballykinlar, on 7th October, 1926, of twins—a boy and a girl.

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It is sincerely regretted that Mrs. Mellors and Mrs. Ratliffe were very ill, although they are now well on the road to recovery. Our very best wishes are extended to all.

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Sergts. Hurt, Cogan and Hobbs have again been selected for the Football Selection Committee. May their judgment be sound and bring forth fruit in the shape of many " points for."

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Sergts. Moore and Croft are studying for the 1st Class Certificate. Their staple diet is Fish.

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One of the burning questions of the moment is :—When one has a broken extractor does one strip the gun, commencing with the fore radiator casing ? Ask " Z."

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Heard at a Mess meeting :—

SERGT. : We -er have now on charge, Sir, about two cups and two hundred saucers uncrested.

PRESIDENT : Well ?

SERGT. : Well, Sir, couldn't they be sent to Dr. Barnado's Home, or, if not, I propose that they are disbanded.

Congratulations are due to Sergt. Hullyer on his promotion to C.Q.M.S. Good luck, Harry !

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Drum-Major Hebbron is at present in Hospital. May he recover soon and join us again.

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It is a funny thing how easily these Instructors, who pay us periodical visits from the Depôt, are gulled.

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It would be imagined, particularly in this case, that such people were far above that ancient game of " leg pulling."

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Yet such is not the case.

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Only the other day did we receive a visit from one—to wit, Brother Browne, a man of peculiar tendencies, obsessed by a peculiar hobby, the collecting of old fire-arms, sticks of cordite, steel bases, and any death-dealing instruments he can possibly get hold of.

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He is also of the opinion that to endeavour to blow up any of his comrades with these articles, the same should be treated as a huge joke.

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Oh ! yes, he loves his little jokes.

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At breakfast one morning he was consumed with the idea that he *must* do something. So he bethought himself of crab-fishing. The only trouble was that he did not know how to set about the job.

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He cast his eyes around, and with the extreme innocence of youth he did question one of our Indian wallahs.

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Brother Browne did say : " Now, Pony, no kidding. How do you catch crabs ?

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Pony explained with due solemnity, that one had to obtain a large chunk of meat, attach it to a long string and hold it in the sea.

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Off went Browne to the cookhouse and asked the Orderly Cook for a piece of meat. On the cook enquiring as to why he wanted the meat, Brother Browne dutifully explained.

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The cook preserved the solemn face necessary for such an occasion, and suggested that " herring's heads " would be a much better bait.

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Anyhow, let it suffice to say that Brother Browne took his meat and string and went to the sea.

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Then he came back to tell us how unsuccessful he was.

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During our stay in Glasgow we became very friendly with the Depôt Mess of the Highland Light Infantry.

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They were the most friendly and hospitable set of people we have had the pleasure of meeting for some years.

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There was no Mess for the W.O.'s and Sergeants for some considerable time, and they made us perfectly at ease and at home.

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Before our departure we were invited to a Smoking Concert, and it *was* a Smoking Concert !

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From 7.30 p.m. to midnight there was not a dull moment.

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All sorts of people were engaged to entertain us. Operatic Stars, Quartettes, and last, but far from least, our genial host, S.M. Fry, H.L.I., did his share, and he is an entertainment in himself.

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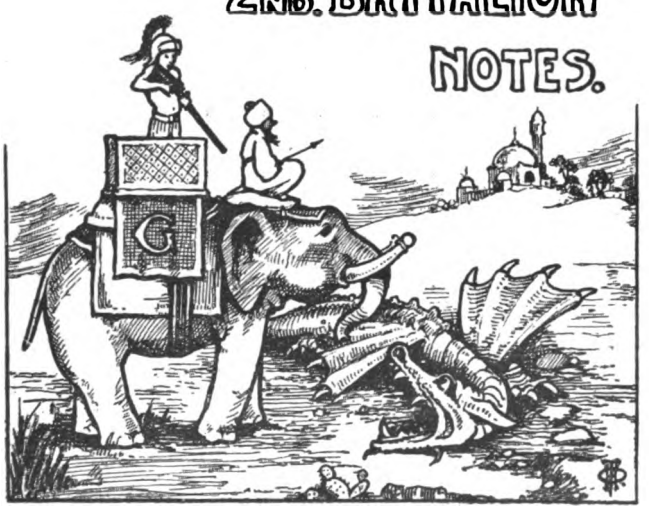
Our thanks and our great appreciation for a perfectly splendid time are extended with great sincerity.

" FAGOTTO."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



RANIKHET,

27th September, 1926.

Order and counter-order, and under the circumstances it is really very surprising that the natural sequence was not fulfilled ; but, somehow, and thanks chiefly to heroic devotion to duty on the part of Orderly Room and the Quartermaster's department, each time some fresh change threatened to jumble up the components of that complicated machine, the Battalion —beyond power of re-assembly, just so quickly were they sorted out and put in order—the wheels went round, and—the Battalion moved.

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The causes—too much sun, then too much rain, and always, as some were heard to murmur, plaintively if somewhat rudely, too much paper !

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Anyway, as a result of it all, for some two months the present scribe lived in a dismantled bungalow, and with his boxes packed, ready to move and awaiting the order. " So this is—India," which may help to explain his rather caustic comments.

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To revert to the moves and our present distribution, and, for the sake of clarity, to recapitulate what has already in part been chronicles :—

The Advance Party of the main Hill Detachment, some 150 strong, and including the Headquarters of " C " Company, with Mr. Pringle and Mr. Clifford, left Fyzabad for Ranikhet on the 21st July.

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Captain Edgeworth-Johnstone, who since earlier in the year had been fathering the married families and other details sent up on medical grounds, was already there, and, incidentally, the dining members of the station, or British Infantry Mess, as it is called, had as good cause to be pleased at his presence as the Contractor had of being the reverse, since he very soon showed the latter that their ideas as to what constituted suitable messing for British Officers hardly coincided—and who than our gallant Captain knows better what is what in this line ? At any rate he has our grateful thanks.

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Major Baxter, who had been spending his leave with Mrs. Baxter in Ranikhet, now took over the Detachment ; whilst Mr. Bucknall and Mr. Hobbs also joined it from that favourite resort of Fusilier Officers, Bhim Tal, which lies a few miles east of the road from the plains and provides a peaceful life, some fishing in the neighbouring lake and shooting in the surrounding hills.

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The final exodus to the hills, that of the Main Hill Detachment comprising " A " and " D " Companies and the Headquarter

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Wing, with a few Details of " B " and " C " Companies, a total of over 400 all told, including followers, with Major Critchley-Salmonson, Capt. Hogshaw, Mr. Surtees, Mr. Leech, Mr. Foster and Mr. Melville, and a Medical Officer, Capt. T. R. Khanna, I.M.S., took place at 7.10 a.m. on 11th August.

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For most it was " good-bye " to Fyzabad for good and all, and, notwithstanding the early hour, many were the friends who came to see us off—a kindly act which we all appreciated, although at the time it is feared they found us more attentive to our eggs and bacon (served in the siding by the waiting train) than to their fond farewells !

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" Amongst those present "—to use the correct journalistic phrascology—were Major Wilson, Commanding 43rd Field Battery R.A., Major Hailes, Commanding 1st Royal Bn. 9th Jat Regiment, and a number of their Officers. Then, on the " civil " side, there was " Our Deputy Commissioner," Mr. Charles Hobart—we're sure he won't mind being called " our," and of course we're not so rude as to be making any comparison with his prototype of " curry and rice " fame, although it must be admitted that the title *does* evoke most pleasant memories of his cook's culinary art and fat Gogra prawns lying on a curried bed—but this is a digression, and his title rests on surer ground than greedy memories, for he always takes the greatest interest in the Regiment, and we never felt that a Band night was complete without his cheery presence, and, in return, he never seemed happier than when playing the erudite cicerone to one or more of us and showing us the Begaum's tomb by moonlight, or Mani Parbat or his own beloved Ajodhya.

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And, lastly, we must not forget " Our Policeman "—Mr. Chapman—who was also there and has likewise always been to us the soul of hospitality. Really it is hard to know which he would prefer us to remember best—his Pipers, or the wonderful saddles of mutton he unfailingly provided.

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Of course it must be admitted that we are not all of the same opinion on the subject of " music before ——." No, that sounds too horribly like the Indian silly season catchword phrase we're all so heartily sick of out here. (For the benefit of the uninitiated we may remark that the season in question coincides exactly with the hot and cold weather periods combined), besides the Opposition may even object to the term " music," so we'll stick to " Pipers," and say " Pipers before Port."

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However, that's as may be, and at least we are unanimous in our admiration for his enthusiasm and energy in raising his own " Corps " of Drums and Pipers, and bringing them to such a pitch of efficiency, as well as for the extremely smart turn out both of this part and the rest of his command.

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To revert now to the move. The journey, with its change, and transhipment of ammunition, baggage, horses and everything, to the narrow gauge line at Bareilly, went off without incident, and Kathgodam was reached the following morning before dawn.

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Followed a strenuous period of unloading and loading into lorries, and, the Detachment now dividing into two, the first marching party, including the Drums, under Capt. Hogshaw, set out the same morning ; whilst the second, with the Band, under Major Critchley-Salmonson, followed on the 14th—the strengths of marching parties on the Ranikhet road being limited by the capacity of the standing camps *en route*.

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Most of the heavy kit was sent direct by through lorries, but others accompanied the marching parties, and, as is apparently usually the case during " moves " in India, the question of payment for " excess baggage " loomed large ; however, we got it through for a total of some Rs.360—which was considered remarkably little ! and it would certainly have been a great deal more had we not been very kindly permitted, almost at the last moment, to take our machine guns and the necessary ammunition at Government expense instead of at our own. That there could ever be any question of the latter astounded the scribe, but left the old stagers, who knew India, unsurprised and unmoved !

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The road from Kathgodam to Ranikhet has probably been described so often before in these pages, that it would merely bore most of our readers if we entered into too great detail. For the remainder suffice it to say that the total distance is some 51 miles, or 5 days' march, with 4 camps ; a very finely engineered road, cut, for the most part, along the hill side and following the valleys.

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Up hill for the first two days, over a nek, and down or on the level for the best part of two more, and then the final climb to Ranikhet.

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Much of the country is well wooded, chiefly with conifers—a general and scientific sounding term hiding much ignorance —whilst many of the lower slopes are terraced and cultivated.

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Both the march itself and the ever-freshening air were a pleasant change from the monotony and damp heat of Fyzabad, and everyone soon felt and looked the better.

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Short as it sounds, some 13 miles, the first day's march, for troops fresh from the plains, is very trying ; however, as it is all up hill, and the road on the wrong side of the valley for the morning sun, as a result the " casualties " were severe, including two rendered unconscious and delirious with a form of heat stroke—for it was still both hot and muggy ; but even they were recovered by the evening. Notwithstanding all this, some flattering comments were heard on the march discipline of both parties, and Colonel McNamara, who was on his way down and saw the first party, was more than complimentary.

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But *our* compliments and thanks are due to the Band and Drums for the excellent way they kept themselves and us going.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson's arrival at Ranikhet was not a little marred by the announcement—cruelly hurled at him even before he had set foot on the summit of Pinnacle Point—that he was to return to Fyzabad forthwith for a Court of Inquiry. The following morning, therefore, he set forth in his " Henry," and a torrential downpour, and was kindly sped on his way by a series of boulders, which, loosened by the rain, came crashing down the hill side and missed his car by inches. He has since been heard to express the opinion that a run down the Höhe Strasse, at any number of miles per hour, was far pleasanter and infinitely safer—for himself—than motoring in this country.

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If all we hear is true we are rather of the opinion that it is a case of poetic justice—Cologne papers please copy, for the satisfaction of his late victim's relatives.

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Seriously, however, the question of landslides in the Hills is no laughing matter, as the records of the Naini Tal and Brewery disasters show. The blocking of the Kathgodam-Ranikhet road two or three times each season is apparently the rule and not the exception. Some 200 yds. at mile 9 had only just been made passable when the Main Hill Detachment moved up, and a few miles on at Brewery all baggage had to be transhipped to fresh lorries owing to the presence of a large van which was lying, with its near wheels in space, inclined at a graceful angle of some 30 degrees over the edge of a bridge. Within a week the whole road at mile 9 had disappeared again, under a fresh avalanche, and for days all through transport was suspended.

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To revert to Regimental affairs.

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Those who are privileged to purchase Battalion Orders may have observed that during the latter part of August the command devolved on Capt. Chipper, and they will rather naturally have assumed that Col. Kershaw and his next senior officers were all enjoying a well-earned rest. This, however, was far from being the case, and the way of it certainly deserves a paragraph in explanation.

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You see all troops in Alma Barracks at Ranikhet, even though a Battalion with its Headquarters may be present there, come under the orders of a gentleman especially appointed at the beginning of the season to be the O.C. those Barracks, in the present case a Major.

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Under these circumstances, Colonel Kershaw, who was present in Ranikhet inspecting the bulk of his Battalion now stationed there, couldn't possibly be officially in command of it, since he would have been senior to the O.C. Barracks. Equally neither Major Critchley-Salmonson nor Major Baxter could be actually commanding the Battalion when their own rightful C.O. was present. And so the impasse was solved in the manner indicated, and everyone was pleased.

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But we don't advise candidates to give it as an answer to any question on devolution of command in their Organisation and Administration papers—the Examiners, as they live in England, might not understand.

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Of course this was not our only trouble: there was the question of "Orderly Room." Theoretically it was in Fyzabad—for where the C.O. is there shall the Orderly Room be also; practically, however, it just had to be in Ranikhet, so up it came, strictly incognito, and disarmed criticism by the simple expedient of heading its correspondence "Fyzabad," or issuing any ukase necessary under the title of "Detachment H.Q. And then, at the end of August, when Col. Kershaw went to join Mrs. Kershaw at Bhim Tal on a month's leave, and Major Critchley-Salmonson assumed command, and it was right and proper that Orderly Room should be at Ranikhet—well, there it was.

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Partially consequent on all this, and as the readers of our interesting daily may have observed, we have had a rather remarkable plethora of Adjutants—no less than 4, and nearly all apparently functioning contemporaneously. Actually the real genuine article—Mr. Humphreys—returned from his hurried visit to England far from fit, we are sorry to say, and was sent almost at once to the Convalescent Home at Naini Tal, whence, as a result of a Medical Board, he has departed for Home on 6 months' leave. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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Into his shoes, whilst he was still at Naini Tal, there stepped Mr. Martin, the first, and, as he will tell you, the only genuine Acting-Adjutant—and after all, the proof of the pudding is really in who gets paid for it—so, appreciating the situation with a celerity worthy, one might say, of a less sordid cause, he lost no time in convincing the Regimental Accountant that others might "Act" as much as they liked, but he, and he alone, would annex the proceeds.

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This wise forethought was amply repaid, for on his accompanying Col. Kershaw on the latter's visit of inspection to Ranikhet, a further Acting-Adjutant arose in the person of Mr. Collingwood, who ruled as such in Fyzabad until Headquarters were officially established at Ranikhet, when the title was wrested from him by Major Baxter—no light additional straw for one who was already commanding a Company, acting as our "local" Quartermaster, and running the Young N.C.O.'s Class; but we are glad to observe that his back shows no signs of breaking, or even bending, under the added load.

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Incidentally, we much regret to chronicle that, whilst in Fyzabad, Mr. Martin succumbed for a short period to a combination of enervating climate and over-work, which brought on an extremely painful abcess in the ear and the most pernicious prickly heat. For the excess of work we can vouch in all seriousness, and long hours of writing up to all hours of the night, in the sticky heat of the plains, is hardly conducive to that Kruschen feeling.

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However, leave and the change to the hills soon wrought a rapid and gratifying change, and that he has not become work shy is evidenced by the fact that he has been found on more than one occasion taking a sureptitious, but no doubt pleasant, "busman's holiday" in our Orderly Room.

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But the scribe is weary now, for the whisky in the bottle is low, and soon will the hour become when Hera commences her matutinal functions by touching up the snowy Himalayas with her lip stick.

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With the kind permission, then, of his readers, the said scribe will now compress the remainder of his story and present it in that terse and unloquacious G.S. form beloved of all good soldiers—for which relief we doubt not that they'll say, "our grateful thanks."

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1. *Officers.*— Captain Attwater attended the course at Naini Tal, popularly known as "The Backward Boys' Class" for would-be Staff College candidates, and has now rejoined the Battalion at Ranikhet.

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Capt. Hogshaw and Mr. Surtees are on leave at Bhim Tal, and Mr. Grimley is due back in a few days from somewhere round about Ranchi, where he has been shooting and playing polo.

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Mr. Hanmer, we are sorry to say, was admitted to Hospital in Fyzabad with a bad throat, was transferred to a similar establishment at Ranikhet, and, after one minor operation, is now on sick leave getting himself fit to have his tonsils removed. we sincerely hope that this will be the first and last of his troubles in India.

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Mr. Kingstone has recently completed a Qualifying Course at the M.G. School, Ahmednagar, followed by a Range Taking Course at the same school, and is now spending his month's leave coasting round India from Bombay to Calcutta, but is due to rejoin here shortly.

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We regret to observe that there is still one Officer of the Battalion in India who has not been mentioned, namely Mr. Flower—and the reason is that he is at Fyzabad just doing his job—working.

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Early in the month we were delighted to see Major Ovans, who seized the opportunity of a duty visit to Naini Tal to spend a night with us.

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To our great regret, the Colonel-Commandant of our Brigade, Col. McNamara, has left us. He came up to Alma Barracks one day especially to say good-bye, and we in our turn lined the road to cheer him on his way when he actually departed.

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Afterwards he wrote the following letter to the Commanding Officer :—

> " I appreciated more than I can say the kindness of the Battalion in turning out with the Band and Drums to give me a send-off at Ranikhet. It was a very sad occasion for me, as it was severing my connection with the Battalion, which I think so highly of, and am so attached to.
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> " I shall always feel it an honour to have had it under my command, and only hope fortune may bring us together again.
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> " Wishing you and all ranks every good fortune in your new station and in the future."

To which the Commanding Officer replied thanking him for his letter and wishing him in the name of all ranks " Bon voyage " and the best of luck in his new appointment.

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2. *Strength—Increase.*—Our heartiest congratulations are due to Major Baxter and Capt. Attwater on the birth of their respective sons. To these, upon the threshold of their lives, we wish long years of health and happiness, and when the time comes, may they win much fame both for themselves and for the Regiment in which they have been born.

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3. *Sport.*—So far there is extremely little to record in this line. Mr. Collingwood's shoot in the vicinity of Bhim Tal has already been noted in a previous issue, and the only other Officer who has been out after " big game " is Major Baxter. On one occasion he spent 10 days in the hills at about 9,000 ft., some 20 miles north of Ranikhet, and got a Serow (an interesting trophy on which he was very keen) and 3 Gural.

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He also saw some Bear (Black, Himalayan), but, notwithstanding many hard days' work, was unlucky enough not to get a chance at them.

Chikhor shooting has just begun, but the first day was a complete fiasco, the bag to 5 guns for a Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at Majkhali being 1 green pigeon ! The fault, however, lay with a rascally shikari, who promised much and did nothing, failed to make the necessary arrangements, to get beaters, or even to turn up himself.

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Since then parties have been out twice and have secured 3 and 2 brace on these occasions, but the last was much spoilt by the mist, which refused to lift, and coveys couldn't be marked down.

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Major Baxter has also secured a brace of " Kalij " pheasants in the Cantonment Forest.

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4. *Social Activities.*—The only major activity to be chronicled —there have been plenty of " minor " but we spare the blushes of the younger and somewhat susceptible generation, and leave them unrecorded—is the Dance given by the British Infantry Mess on 15th September. It took place in the Club and was a real success ; whilst the Regimental Dance Band earned the unstinted praise, not only of those who have had little opportunity lately of hearing good bands at home, but also of the critics who have only recently arrived in the country. It was really excellent, and the greatest credit is due to our Bandmaster, Mr. Steffen, both for his training of the Band and his conducting.

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Before the dance a dinner was given in the Mess, to which all Officers could invite two guests, and we understand that the youth and beauty of the fair sex who were present much enjoyed what, in a bachelor Mess, is a somewhat rare occurrence.

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The Drums opened the proceedings by playing outside the Mess and sounded the second Mess Call with about 25 Buglers whilst during Mess the full Band played.

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As both the dinner and the supper at the Dance were ordered and arranged to the smallest detail by Capt. Edgeworth-Johnstone, it is unnecessary to add that they were both just as good as they could be.

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Mrs. Hore acted as hostess and received the guests, Major Hore, 1st Bn. The Welch Regt., being the Officer Commanding Alma Barracks, and previously she had been indefatigable in the assistance she gave the Committee, for which we offer her our grateful thanks. For the rest our thanks are primarily due to Mr. Pringle, who with Capt. Edgeworth-Johnstone, bore the brunt of all the hard work, and likewise to Mr. Corbin, 1st Bn. The Welch Regt., and Mr. Melville, who ably seconded them.

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In conclusion, we have just heard unofficially that the 1st Battalion have won the Northern Ireland District Athletic Championship.

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Knowing their prowess, we certainly both hoped and expected that this would be the case, but that in no way detracts from our pride in the achievement or the sincerity of our congratulations to " Charles " and " James," and all the other stalwarts of the 1st who contributed to this success.

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COLONEL A. E. McNAMARA, C.M.G., D.S.O.

By the selection of Col. McNamara to command Hythe and Netheravon Machine Gun Schools at home, the Battalion loses a very staunch friend in India.

Col. McNamara took over command of the 19th Indian Infantry Brigade early in 1924, and although commanding what in England would be the equivalent of a Division—as regards number of units—always found time to see a great deal of the Battalion.

He took a keen interest in everything connected with the FIFTH, especially in St. George's Day and the Drums, and I believe that one of the days in India which he appreciated most was the display given by the Drums of the Queen's (his own Battalion) and the FIFTH.

Nothing which he could do to help in any way anyone in the Regiment was too much trouble, and his many kindly acts will long be remembered in the Battalion.

His letter of farewell to the Battalion is recorded elsewhere in these notes, and his concluding wish, that the 2nd FIFTH may once more serve under him is reciprocated by all ranks. It is an honour and a pleasure to look forward to—may it soon be realised.

He expected and got the best out of everyone ; he loathed and instantly detected eye-wash.

His departure is a big loss to India and the 2nd Battalion. We wish him health, success and speedy promotion to command a Division in which the 2nd FIFTH may have the honour of serving.

"GRENADIER."

SPORTS NOTES.

During the last month sports have been the chief attraction and interest in Alma Barracks, the burning question being, Who will win what ?

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Earnest enquirers can now be satisfied on two points, in that "C" Company has won the knock-out Football Cup and "D" Company the Boxing.

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At present we are in the throes of sport, and serious souls are to be seen "straining" and "heaving," and running just as keenly as ever for the benefit of their various units.

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Football afforded some very good fun, and some very close games.

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Owing to protests, H.Q. Wing had to re-play two matches, but the results were not reversed in either case, but it left them very hard worked as they had to play four games very nearly on consecutive days.

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The first match was a win for H.Q. Wing against the British Military Hospital, the winners having a fairly comfortable margin of safety to work on. Meanwhile all the other competitors were byes.

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"A" Company fell to "E" Divisional Signals, who were finalists ; "B" Details fell to "C" Company. The Welch Regiment beat the D.C.L.I.

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H.Q. Wing beat "D" Company after a very hard-fought game which might have gone to either side at any moment. This left in for the semi-final :—H.Q. Wing *v.* "E" Divisional Signals and the Welsh Regt. *v.* "C" Company. These two matches were watched with great interest and were probably two of the best games seen at Alma Barracks during the second part of the season. The semi-final made H.Q. Wing's fifth game, and although they put up a very stout fight were beaten by the Signals. H.Q. Wing undoubtedly had the hardest time of any of the competitors in the football Cup, and are to be very sincerely congratulated on the great effort they put up.

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In the match between "C" Company and the Welch Regt., "C" Company played what many spectators said was the best football they had seen the Company play for many a day, and they won a match in which both sides played a thoroughly clean and very keen game.

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In the final, which was won by "C" Company, the Signals delivered a rude shock by scoring a very fine goal quite early in the first half ; after which things began to move somewhat rapidly. The game went very quickly from one end of the field to the other. Both sides were missing good chances in front of goal ; luckily "C" Company missed two chances less than the Signals and won by 2–1. Lce.-Cpl. Gillon played a very steady game in the forward line, and the wings were both very good.

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In the half line, Lce.-Cpl. Turner wore himself out working like two people, and was undoubtedly largely responsible for the final result. The backs were very steady, and the sureness of Lce.-Cpl. Gage's and Fus. Buxton's tackling and kicking must have been very disconcerting for their opponents.

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Is it enough to say that McGiven was in goal, complete with jersey ?

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The draw and results were as follows :—

1st Round.	*2nd Round.*	*Semi-Final.*	*Final.*
H.Q. Wing 2 *v.* B.M.H. 0	H.Q. Wing 2 *v.* "D" Coy. 1	H.Q. Wing 0 *v.* "E" Div. Sigs. 2	"E" Div. Sigs. 1 *v.* "C" Coy. 2
	"E" Sigs. 5 *v.* "A" Coy. 2		
Welch 1 *v.* D.C.L.I. 0		Welch 2 *v.* "C" Coy. 4	
	"C" Coy. 3 *v.* "B" Coy. Details 0		

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After the football came the boxing, and in case anyone is anxious to know early what the results were, let's have them first :—

1st, "D" Company, FIFTH	.. ..	52 points.
2nd, "A" Company, FIFTH	.. ..	39 ,,
3rd, "B" Company, FIFTH (Details)	..	12 ,,
4th, Welch Regt. ..	.. .. ..	10 ,,
5th, H.Q. Wing, FIFTH	.. .. ..	6 ,,
6th, D.C.L.I. ..	.. .. ..	4 ,,

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"D" and "A" Companies took a big lead from the start by scoring 14 points each for their byes, and undoubtedly were the only real competitors for the Cup.

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The two opening nights held plenty of excitement, and we saw some very good fighting, and from the start several people looked like finalists, notably Cpl. Palmer and Fus. Rutter, of "D" Coy., a/Dmr. Hayton, of "A" Coy., and Fus. Murphy, of "B" Coy. Everyone was very sorry when Cpl. Palmer damaged his hand in the semi-final of the Open Welter-Weight, thereby having to scratch for the remainder of the meeting.

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The third night, on which finals only were held, undoubtedly gave us the best boxing of the tournament.

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In the Welter-Weight, Fus. Rutter, "D" Coy., scored a well deserved win over Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., and I think Rutter was surprised, but he did fight and box very well, as he did on the first nights.

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In the Bantams, Fus. Venables, "A" Coy., and Fus. McMullen, "D" Coy., had a rare set to, which was eventually won by Venables, who fought like a tiger from the word "Go."

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The Feather-Weight was won by Fus. Phillips, "D" Coy.; he met Fus. Oakes, of "B" Coy., and between them they gave as good an exhibition as anyone else.

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Fus. Watson, "D" Coy., was awarded the Middle-Weight owing to Cpl. Palmer, "D" Coy., having to scratch; and Lce.-Cpl. Graham, "A" Coy., had to scratch to a/Dmr. Hayton, "A" Coy., in the Light-Heavies.

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One of the best fights was between Fus. Cross, "D" Coy., and Fus. Fawcett, of "A" Coy. Fus. Cross won on points, but both received and gave plenty of punishment until the last round, when Cross rather ran away with the fight.

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The last fight of the evening was the Open Welter-Weight Final between Fus. Murphy, "B" Coy., and Pte. Day, of the Lincolnshire Regt.

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This opened very briskly and for a moment or two looked as if it would be a good fight, but Murphy got in a blow that severely shook Day, who was knocked out very soon after, leaving Murphy the winner.

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Capt. Edgeworth-Johnstone refereed, and the judges were:—Lieut. E. A. Howell (Lincolnshire Regt.), 2nd-Lieut. W. R. M. Clifford (Fifth Fusiliers), 2nd-Lieut. R. W. M. Wetherell (D.C.L.I.).

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Mr. Clifford and his Committee are to be heartily congratulated (and were) on the excellent entertainment provided.

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A novel feature of the final night was a very excellent demonstration of the Rules of Boxing by C.S.M. Gravells, late of the A.S.P.T., Amballa, which everyone enjoyed very much and seemed very interested in.

2ND BATTALION DETACHMENT NOTES.

FYZABAD,

September, 1926.

Since the Battalion went to the Hills the Detachment have indulged in a galaxy of sport.

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They entered a team in the local football tournament for the "Donaldson" Cup, and reached the final, besides which they have played friendly matches of all sorts against the 43rd Field Battery, and the Indian Police.

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These included football, cricket and hockey. The various games are described by our experts below.

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Cricket.—On Sunday, 12th September, at 9 a.m., twenty-four mental cases assembled on the Battery cricket ground, the pitch was not quite up to Test Match standard, but this only added to the excitement.

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Eleven lunatics from the Battery took the field, under a blazing sun, and amidst prolonged cheering the Fusiliers' first pair left the pavilion (one ant-infested tree)—they were Mr. Collingwood and Sgt. Bosworth.

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Sgt. Bosworth unluckily played-on after scoring 1, when the total stood at 3. The R.Q.M.S. was bowled for 0 two balls later: this was due to a mirage appearing behind the bowler, or so he states.

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A determined stand was now made; Mr. Flower joined Mr. Collingwood, who had played himself in.

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This pair attempted to break the back of the bowling, and Mr. Flower scored slowly.

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At last a loose ball was bowled to Mr. Collingwood, who jumped out to take it half-volley; unfortunately, the temperature being 100 in the shade and his hands being wet, the bat flew from his grasp over the head of mid-wicket, and the ball being cleverly pitched on a bump, broke in and took his "off" stump.

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3 for 16, of which Mr. Collingwood had made 12.

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Fus. Smith joined Mr. Flower, and the score was brought to 31 before the 4th wicket fell.

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Mr. Flower was dismissed after making his tenth single run—5 for 32.

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The score remained unchanged till Lce.-Cpl. Humble and Fus. Jones came together; they brought the score from 32 for 8 to 43 for 9, when the heat affected our umpire, who gave one of his own side (Fus. Jones) run out.

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Lce.-Cpl. Humble added 3 more before the R.S.M. was bowled for 0.

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The Battery went in and wickets fell as follows:—

1 for 10, 2 for 10, 3 for 33, 4 for 33, 5 for 46, 6 for 58, 7 for 58, 8 for 88, 9 for 88, and 10 for 88.

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Gnr. Lincoln scored 43 and was eventually bowled by Fus. Greenwood, who took 3 wickets in his last 4 balls, the R.S.M. at wicket stumped two of the Battery and only let one bye.

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In the second innings we were left with 42 to make to avoid an innings defeat.

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At first it appeared doubtful if we could do it, as Mr. Collingwood, Sgt. Bosworth, Mr. Flower, Fus. Smith, and the R.Q.M.S. all disgraced themselves.

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This was probably due to the beer supplied in the pavilion, but the fact remains that they only scored 13 between them.

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However, our team has a tail which sometimes wags, and we saved the innings defeat when 8 wickets had fallen.

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The R.S.M. and Fus. Jones went on to make 21 not out and 13 respectively, making the total 74.

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The Gunners were left 32 to make, and this they did at the cost of 7 wickets; the game had become exciting when L/Br. Mundy scored a 6 and a 4 off the R.Q.M.S., who, however, bowled him next ball.

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Mundy should have been dismissed his second ball, but Mr. Flower, affected by the heat, was asleep at fine leg and did not know that the ball had been hit till it passed by his left knee.

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The R.Q.M.S. bowled well and took 4 wickets for 14 runs.

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Scores :—

5TH FUSILIERS (DETACHMENT).

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Mr. Collingwood, b Lincoln	12	lbw, b Dent	1
Sgt. Bosworth, pl. on w., b Lincoln	1	c Darby, b Dent	3
R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, b Lincoln	0	c Adcock, b Dent	4
Mr. Flower, b Dent	10	b Darby	1
Fus. Smith, b Porter	9	c Davies, b Darby	4
Fus. Wiltshaw, c Powell, b Mundy	0	c Powell, b Mundy	6
Fus. Greenwood, c McNamara, b Mundy	0	c Powell, b Mundy	11
Fus. Williams, b Dent	0	b Mundy	2
Lce.-Cpl. Humble, not out	6	b Mundy	5
Fus. Jones, run out	7	b Lincoln	13
R.S.M. Brocklesby, b Roach	0	not out	21
Extras	1	Extras	3
Total	46	Total	74

43RD BATTERY.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
McNamara, c Williams, b Wiltshaw	19	lbw, b Atkinson	9
Adcock, c Smith, b Wiltshaw	1	c Greenwood, b Atkinson	1
Mundy, b Wiltshaw	0	b Atkinson	15
Powell, b Atkinson	12	did not bat.	
Lincoln, b Greenwood	43	c Atkinson, b Greenwood	0
Sgt. Darbey, st Brocklesby, b Atkinson	4	b Greenwood	1
Dent, b Atkinson	2	b Mr. Collingwood	0
Porter, st Brocklesby, b Atkinson	0	not out	5
Sgt. Davies, not out	6	not out	1
Roach, b Greenwood	0	did not bat.	
Hollowell, b Greenwood	0	b Atkinson	2
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	88	Total	34

On Sunday, the 19th, the return match was to have been played on our ground. Owing to the heat on the previous occasions, it was decided to play only between the hours of 7 and 9, and 4.30 to dark, but the clerk of the weather thought otherwise—it rained all night, and was still falling heavily at 7 o'clock.

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It was eventually decided to give the Gunners breakfast and start play at 9, wet or fine. (It was wet.)

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Capt. Adams, of the Jats., played for us, and Capt. Brett, of the same Regiment, was to have played for the Battery. He, however, did not turn up, probably on account of the weather.

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We won the toss, and Mr. Collingwood decided to bat first, his reason being that he hoped to get the Gunners out on a drying wicket later in the day. We suppose that he has been reading notes for Test Match captains; incidentally, it took 3 days for the wicket to dry.

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The fielders were standing in 3 inches of water, and the bowlers could not take any run.

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The opening pair were Mr. Collingwood and Capt. Adams; the former started well, he cut a ball smartly on to point's shin, and so demoralised that fielder that he was able to hit a 2 and a 1 neatly between his (the point's) legs. However, in the second over L/Br. Mundy, the local Gregory, had him lbw (very painful).

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The R.S.M. next joined Capt. Adams on the foreshore, and for some minutes kept the fielders busy splashing in the surf.

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After scoring 5, the R.S.M. hit between cover and mid-off and called a run. Capt. Adams double-marked time in a cloud of spray, but could not start, and eventually told the R.S.M. to get back. The latter, having got a good start off the matting, was half-way up the pitch; he stopped, turned, fell into a pool of water, and started swimming back but was run out by yards. We don't recommend him to try swimming the Channel. 2 for 9.

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Sgt. Bosworth next scored 3 before being bowled by Mundy, with the score 24. Capt. Adams and Lce.-Cpl. Humble splashed on till the score was 30, when Capt. Adams was bowled for 12; he played a very nice innings, though all drives along the ground ended in singles, except in the case of an overthrow.

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Lce.-Cpl. Humble put up a stout defence, and was eventually bowled by Lincoln. At this junction one of the umpires, who had been heard to murmur to himself, "I'll get pneumonia; no, I'll get double pneumonia," thought of an excuse to finish the game, and claimed that the matting was wearing and would soon be destroyed, so the game was abandoned, with the score at 34 for 5.

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What's the matter with cricket? Why stop if it rains? The R.S.M. is of the opinion that if you can't play it standing up, play it lying down.

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Anyway, wet or fine, we are going to play again next week.

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Rugby.—On Saturday, the 11th of September, we played the 43rd Battery at Rugby, and drew with them after a fairly even game.

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Neither side scored, chiefly on account of the threes running across, and the forwards not heeling sufficiently cleanly.

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On the whole, the Battery had the best of the play, which was chiefly confined to the centre of the field.

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Team :—Fus. Graham (*back*) ; Fusrs. Allan and McCarrol, Wild and Cassidy (*three-quarters*) ; Fusrs. Simms and Pearson (*halves*) ; Mr. Flower, Lce.-Cpl. Humble, Fusrs. Simpson, Ellen, Fletcher, Sgt. Higgins, Sgt. Corkin, Fus. Beaton (*forwards*).

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Hockey.—During the last two or three weeks we have played numerous games, the chief ones being as follows :—

"B" Coy. *v.* The Civil Police.

"B" Coy.'s team—Fus. Dawson, Lce.-Cpl. Leach, Mr. Collingwood, Fus. Morgan, C.S.M. Moon, Fus. Tenant, Fus. Thompson, Fus. Wood, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, Fus. Addison, Fus. Pletts.

The game was fast and furious, and ended unsatisfactorily in a draw—0–0.

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Details *v.* The Civil Police.

Details team.—Lce.-Cpl. Bowerbank, Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, Mr. Collingwood, Cpl. Cross, Sgt. Bosworth, Fus. Simpson, Fus. Allan, Fus. Simms, R.S.M. Brocklesby, R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, Fus. McCarrol.

The Details were much superior to the Police team, who were given few opportunities of scoring. This was chiefly due to the splendid play of our backs. Score, 4—0.

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Detachment *v.* 43rd Battery R.A.

Detachment team.—Lce.-Cpl. Bowerbank, Lce.-Cpl. Hughes, Mr. Collingwood, Cpl. Cross, Sgt. Bosworth, Fus. Simpson, Fus. Thompson, R.S.M. Brocklesby, R.Q.M.S. Atkinson, Fus. Allan, Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs.

This was played on a ground that was saturated. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable game and resulted in 5 goals to 1 to our advantage.

FOOTBALL.

The Donaldson Cup.

Prior to the present season, this Cup has been competed for by Indian teams only, the winners for the past two seasons being a team of Khan Bahadur Mohammed Umar's.

This year two British units competed, and, as generally anticipated, the final lay between them.

Our first opponents were the No. 3 team of Khan Bahadur Mohammed Umar. The game was played on our own ground, and attracted an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000, by far the larger part being Indians. Our team was as follows :—Lce.-Cpl. Easom ; Lt. Collingwood, Fus. Graham ; Fus. Smith, Fus. McGuire, Lce.-Cpl. Stephenson ; Cpl. Alder, Cpl. Cross, Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock, Fus. Teviotdale, and Lce.-Cpl. Sharp.

From the kick-off it was apparent that the Indian team was quite outclassed. Play during the first half was almost entirely confined to the opponents' half, and goals were scored in rapid succession by Whitelock (4) and Cpl. Cross. At half-time the Fusiliers led by 5 clear goals.

The second half was a repetition of the first, Whitelock adding 2 to his bag, and further goals being netted by Cpls. Cross and Alder.

When the final whistle sounded the Fusiliers ran out winners by 9 goals to nil. The spectators showed rare enthusiasm, cheers, genuine and ironical, greeting any individual effort of friend or foe.

This let us into the semi-final.

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Detachment *v.* Govt. Inter. College.

This game was played on the College ground, again before a huge crowd of Indian "fans."

The only changes in the Fusiliers' team were Fus. Pletts for Lce.-Cpl. Sharp, and Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs for Fus. Teviotdale at inside left.

This was another runaway match. At half-time the Fusiliers led by 5 goals, all scored by Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock.

The College were penned in their own half all through the second half, and goals came from Lce.-Cpl. Whitelock (4), Lce.-Cpl. Jacobs (2), and Cpl. Cross (1).

The Fusiliers, winning by 12 goals to love, thus passed into the final round.

The above game was one-sided, but was played throughout in the most sporting spirit. The losers played manly, clean football against a team superior in tactics and weight.

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In the final we met the 43rd Battery R.A., with whom we had played a friendly draw a few days previously.

This game was played on the College ground, and the Fusiliers relied on the same team as in the semi-final.

There was a very large crowd again, the trophy being on view, but recent rain rendered the ground on the heavy side.

The opening exchanges were of a very even nature, the ball passing from end to end rapidly, with no advantage to either side. After twenty minutes a clever combined movement on the part of the Battery forwards led to their scoring the first goal of the game. Play now became fast and exciting, and the Fusiliers made determined onslaughts on the Battery goal, without, however, penetrating the goalkeeper's defences.

Half-time arrived with the Battery leading by 1 goal to nil.

In the second half a change came over the game. The Fusiliers took matters into their own hands, and completely dominated the play without being able to put the finishing touch to many good passes. A surprise goal was scored by the Battery in a curious manner. The ball was booted far up the field, and a race ensued between the Fusiliers' goalie and the Battery outside left, who was standing unmarked. The goalkeeper reached the ball first, and cleared, but had the mortification of seeing it snapped up by the opposing right half, and lobbed over his head into the goal.

The Fusiliers after this mishap redoubled their efforts, and rained in shot after shot, some of which escaped passing into the net by miraculous chances. The cross bar and uprights appeared to possess magnetic properties. All efforts proved to be unsuccessful, however, and the Battery won the game and the Cup by 2 goals to nil.

This was another friendly and sporting game, played throughout in the best spirit of football.

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Except for the games above detailed there has been little

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excitement at Fyzabad—probably just as well, since the weather has been of the sticky type. To make copy, therefore, after the manner of the silly season correspondence in other journals, the following letter which was addressed to the Local Deputy Vice Acting Assistant Junior Editor is inserted :—

SIR,

I have dreamed a dream, which was probably the result of memories of Lewis Carroll and of the Biography of the late Mr. Onocool Chunder Mookeozie, but which some of your readers might possibly be able to interpret for me.

In my dream it appeared to me that I stood in a lofty hall, brilliantly illuminated ; though periodically two shadows passed across it as of the wings of a monstrous crow. Late as the hour was, I perceived three birds, which had not yet gone to roost, still chattering to one another and dipping their beaks into vessels of liquid. As I stood wondering what these strange late birds might be, I noticed at my elbow a small Egg balanced on the edge of a large bowl, so asked him to explain, please, for the information of the Syough. (This formula, by-the-bye, is a conjuration of great potency.)

" Sir," replied the Egg, " the bird that says *mun mun* at intervals is called the Doc. The smaller bird making the most noise is the Tublet, and the long one is named Farther. He is called Farther because his tail coverts are farther from the ground than those of most birds, but not the farthest. The conference is in session owing to the necessity of settling the rival claims of the birds of India and Africa. You will notice that each claim is staked by putting down a peg."

I thanked the Egg for the information he had supplied, and asked him what action he proposed to take in the matter. Leaning forward and whispering confidentially in my ear, he said : " As this is only a Tewt I am not really here at all, but if I were here I should shortly turn into an Oyster, which would bring the operations to a conclusion." With this cryptic utterance he fell over backwards into the bowl and vanished with a scream of rage.

The next instant a Bird of Paradise (by the natives of my dreamland called a Mis) flew in at an open door and cried : " They are fighting on the tennis-court with knives ! " " Who are ? " asked the other birds in chorus. " All the King's horses and all the King's men," replied the Mis. With this they all flew out at the door, and I followed discreetly in the rear to see what was happening.

Outside, in the darkness, it appeared to me as if I were traversing some vast park full of stately trees. Ultimately I came to a magnificent palace, in front of which was a large open space full of tennis-courts. It was all deserted, however, save for an aged, aged man a-sitting on his latter end. As I approached he bowed with a stately gesture, and said :

" O Light of Asia ! this is what indeed has transpirated. All the King's horses and all the King's men and one Mis arrived here last evening. At about midnight, when I was on watch and ward off the Palace of the noble Kantmag and the Furniture, I noticed all the horses and men were inside the Palace ; I accosted them. The Horsemen then replied that I should not interfere with them, as I shall be paid gratification for connivance, and that they will leave early in the morning for Hamto Damti. I asked them to sit outside the Palace, as it was contrary to orders to get in the Palace at the lull of the night. In the meantime one Vampire Bat (*Vagrans luducus*), which often visits the Park, happened to arrive there and overheard the story and threatened to bat them with a lather. Thereupon that particular Mis flew off to the House of Paradox to report the matter, while the Horsemen were inside the Palace calling me for their rescue. I pacified the Horsemen ; in the meanwhile the Mis returned with certain Birds of Paradox. Seeing the Birds of Paradox, the Vampire (Bat) decamped, murmuring that he would have taken Rs. 12 (twelve only) from the Horsemen had the Birds of Paradox not been there on the call of the Mis."

The old man's voice, which had been getting weaker and weaker, finally petered out at this juncture, and my dream ended.

Yours, etc.,

JOB WASHINGTON.

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The L.D.V.A.A.J. Editor forwards the above letter without comment, except that his correspondent's forename is significant of the affliction that we are most of us trying to dodge at this time of year, and that the surname does not seem at all appropriate.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
23rd October, 1926.

Colonel E. B. Gordon, C.H.G., D.S.O., and Major R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., have both visited us this month.

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The soldiers' silly season has begun.

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" A Southern Force has crossed the Tyne at and about Newcastle with slight (*sic*) opposition, and is advancing by all available roads in a northerly and north-westerly direction."

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In view of this situation, it is felt that to recount our humdrum doings at the Depôt for the past month would be singularly out of place—bizarre really—so we refrain.

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Northumbrian pride, however, cannot let " slight opposition " pass without further explanation. The " Southern Force " is in reality a " Northern Force " returning home, though with what object the fog of war has not disclosed. The opposition was encountered at the toll bridges, of which there are five at and about Newcastle ; but this having been brushed aside, Northumbrians will waive the point.

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It is the writer's only regret that absence on duty will prevent him from helping them to expedite the expedition, somewhat tempered by the thought that it's always so infernally cold on these tactical schemes.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
25th October, 1926.

The weather for the last week has been arctic in its severity. Had it come some three months later it might have been termed " seasonable " ; coming as it does in the middle of October, other words must be found to describe it.

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The writer trusts that the climatic conditions may be taken as some small excuse for the meagreness of these notes, for in the frigid atmosphere of the Drill Hall all ideas are frozen at birth.

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Major K. Greville Williams, O.B.E., handed over the duties of Adjutant to Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., on 29th of September, and his departure is regretted by all ranks of the 4th Bn., with whom he has been closely associated for the last 3½ years.

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We shall have an opportunity of bidding him good-bye and thanking him for the trouble he has taken on behalf of the Battalion, at a dinner to be given in his honour by the Officers at Tilley's on Friday, 29th. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of activities.

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At the Northumberland County Rifle Meeting held at Ponteland on 25th and 26th September, the following competitors from the Bn. were successful, as under :—

NAME.	COMPETITION.	PRIZE.
Col. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C.	Association ..	20/-
Sgt. Milburn, H.Q. Wing ..	Chipchase Cup ..	2nd prize, £3
Sgt. Milburn, H.Q. Wing ..	Lord Lieutenant's	£1
Fus. Nicholson, " X " Coy.	Recruits' Prize ..	10/-
C.Q.M.S. Sparrow, "W" Coy.	County	10/-
" Y " Coy.	Lambton Cup ..	2nd prize, £6
" X " Coy.	Newcastle Chronicle Cup ..	.. 4th prize, 10/-

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In addition to the above C.Q.M.S. Wodehouse, " W " Coy., obtained 10/- in every competition for which he entered, taking a total of £2 15s.

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The conditions throughout were difficult, as a strong cross wind was blowing, and the light at the end of the second day was extremely bad.

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We hope to improve on the foregoing results next year.

NEWBURN DETACHMENT NOTES.

We commenced the month well, with the happy knowledge that all bounties having been paid, " we owe nobody nuthin'," and it is a fine feeling in these days when everybody needs all the money they can get. The local prospects of employment seem brighter, but there is yet no actual improvement.

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The Sergeants' Association has had its Annual Shoot, in the course of which our representatives lost Colonel Gibson's Cup by only two points.

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Sergt. Milburn has our congratulations on winning the Ladies' Trophy.

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Congratulations are also due to our Sergeants, who have beat their 6th Bn. opponents at cards, billiards and shooting. We wish them luck in their next bout, which is with the 5th Bn. Sergeants.

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Capt. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., is now well in harness as our new Adjutant, and in our humble opinion made a good start at Ponteland on Sunday, 17th, when he officiated in our T.A.R.A. Competitions.

Capt. G. W. Gatehouse, Adjutant of the 5th Bn., very kindly acted as umpire during these practices.

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In this case the umpire's lot was " not a happy one," as the weather, though bright, was distinctly chilly.

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We welcome Mr. J. C. Neville to the Detachment, and trust that he will enjoy his training as a Machine Gun Subaltern.

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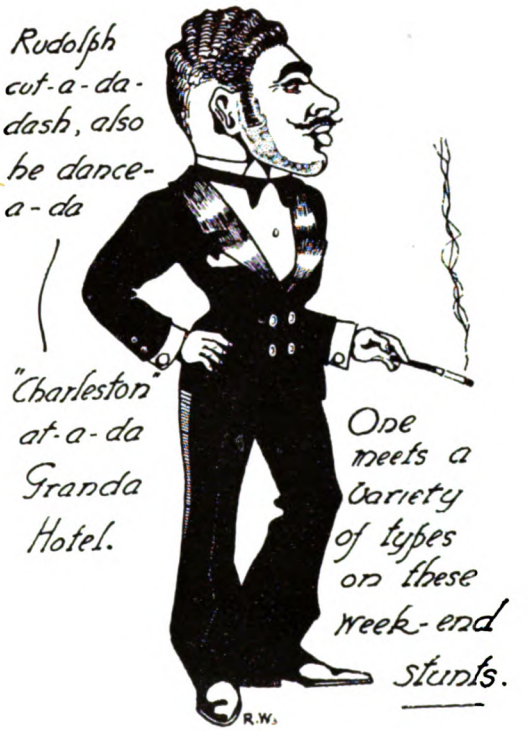
On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the month, Capt. G. L. Bradley


Rudolph cut-a-da-dash, also he dance-a-da
"Charleston" at-a-da Granda Hotel.
One meets a variety of types on these week-end stunts.
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and Capt. R. Wood, with other Officers of the Battalion, attended the Senior Officers' Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate.

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News of their activities thereat has filtered through, and in consequence one cannot help but ruminate on the extraordinary breadth of vision and versatility of mind required by senior officers to deal effectively with the widely diverse problems thrust upon them on these occasions.

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For instance, to the experienced and principled mind, the question of what to do if suddenly transformed into a platoon commander lying in a coverless no-man's-land with a scattered platoon and with two distinctly unpleasant M.G. nests directly in the path of progress, is a problem with just possibilities of solution.

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As a second example we can take the problem of a large syndicate arriving late for lunch just when the beer is becoming horribly limited, and although this embodies activities governed

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by entirely different principles, yet it often enters into military curriculum and therefore should be surmountable.

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Again, as a third example, still more completely differing in principle than the second and functioning in a widely different sphere, we might consider the special problem confronting a large party of bibulous military who find themselves in an hotel ballroom where all females are thoroughly attended by earnest partners, to the absolute exclusion of the military, except for the obviously unresisting eastern charms of a sort of Rhubarb Vaselino Militarist, who undoubtedly showed prowess at carrying off both Christian and Jewish beauties from right under the noses of the champing swains.

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From this it may be seen that if a fellow can solve the first problem, it would be reasonable to assume that having a certain amount of mental elasticity, he might be able to conjure successfully with problem No. 2.

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The possibility is remote, however, of a fellow being able to solve either of the first two problems, and also being able to cope successfully with the third, so that it is really impossible for the imagination to comprehend the extreme mental versatility absolutely essential for the solution of such a maze of cosmopolitan propositions as embodied in the combination of these three problems.

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Yet they only gave us one day's pay—Blimy !

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Winter games (Northumberland and Durham Petty Officers' and Sergeants' Association) are now in full swing. Our first meeting was the 6th Bn. Northd. Fusiliers, at St. George's Drill Hall, where we were lucky to come away with full points. Results below :—

MINIATURE SHOOT.

C.S.M. E. Mower	80
C.Q.M.S. G. W. Sparrow	73
Ex-Clr./Sgt. Cameron	73
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	68
C.S.M. A. McTeer	74
Total	368

Won by 1 point.

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BILLIARDS.

C.S.M. W. Robinson, 6th Bn.	100
Sgt. S. Armstrong, 4th Bn.	76
Sgt. C. Bulman, 6th Bn.	56
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh, 4th Bn.	100
C.S.M. Robinson, 6th Bn.	98
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke, 4th Bn.	100
Sgt. Wilson, 6th Bn.	100
Sgt. Rollingson, 4th Bn.	88
Totals—6th Bn.	354
4th Bn.	364

Won by 10 points.

WHIST.

Sgt. S. Veitch and Sgt. Cowan lost, 2 games to 3.
C.S.M. L. Stuart and C.S.M. A. McTeer won, 4 games to 1.

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MINIATURE SHOOT.

4th Bn. Northd. Fus.		*5th Bn. Northd. Fus.*	
C.S.M. E. Mower ..	76	C.S.M. Coppick	77
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown ..	75	Sgt. Patterson ..	75
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow ..	73	Sgt. Robson	76
Sgt. T. Stamp	73	Sgt. Christie	73
Ex-Clr./Sgt. Cameron ..	77	Sgt. Mackie	78
	374		379

Lost by 5 points.

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BILLIARDS.

Sgt. Rollingson	100	Sgt. Pringle	36
Sgt. Armstrong	100	C.S.M. Bramley ..	50
R.S.M. Clarke	100	C.Q.M.S. Curry	63
Lce.-Sgt. McHugh ..	100	Sgt. Maughan	33
	400		182

Won by 218.

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WHIST.

Sgt. T. Bell and Sgt. S. Veitch lost by 2—3.
Sgt. Cowans and Sgt. Brown lost by 2—3.

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

October, 1926.

Two items of importance have taken place since the last notes were written. Firstly, the Northumberland Rifle Association Meeting on the 18th and 19th and 20th September, and secondly a Divisional Tactical Exercise at Harrogate on the 2nd and 3rd October.

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Considering the small amount of practice we have had in shooting this year, we did extraordinary well at the Rifle Meeting, as the results, shown elsewhere, will prove. We congratulate C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson particularly on his excellent shooting.

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We most certainly had amazing luck in the *Chronicle* Cup Competition. Having worked our way into the final, we found our team up against a team of the R.N.V.R. Tyne Division.

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The competition is a " falling plate " one. We started well, and at one period we had only 1 plate standing against 4 of the R.N.V.R., but this one plate refused to fall, in spite of at least 16 shots having been directed at it, so we lost, the plate still remaining up at the finish.

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The Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and Captain Herdman represented the Battalion at Harrogate. Saturday, the 2nd October, was spent in elucidating tactical problems in the neighbourhood of Knaresborough, and a very interesting scheme was unfolded to us as time went on, and there was a good deal of discussion, which is nearly always good for the " tactical soul." Two Tank Corps Officers were present to give their expert advice on certain tank problems. Many of us

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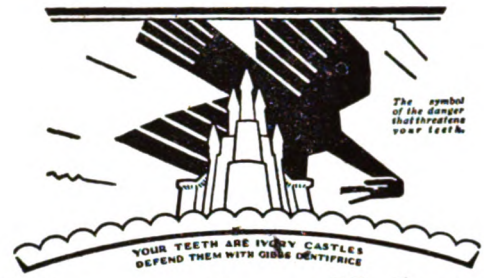

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were rather struck with the fact that a certain ditch, which looked a very inferior ditch, would probably stop a tank, and we were forced to modify our previous views on the invincibility of tanks.

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The evening was spent in various kinds of "liaison," and bridge was predominant until the following morning. Even at 7 a.m. on the Sunday, one or two stern soldiers could still be seen taking bearings in the Valley Gardens, preparatory to changing for breakfast.

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We hope to hold our Battalion Rifle Meeting and Officers' Shoot this month.

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BATTALION RESULTS IN N.R.A. MEETING AT PONTELAND, ON THE 18TH AND 19TH AND 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Competition.	*Name or Team.*	*Place.*
Co-operative Union	H.Q. Coy. Team	2nd
Chronicle Cup ..	Bn. No. 3 Team	2nd
Territorial Service ..	C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson ..	4th
Rifle	2nd-Lieut. A. C. Spencer ..	19th
Morpeth	C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson ..	1st
,, ...	Sergt. Biggerstaff	7th
,, ...	Lieut. R. H. Rooksby ..	20th
Association	Sergt. Black	10th
,, ...	2nd-Lieut. A. C. Spencer ..	19th
Permanent Staff ..	a/R.S.M. Tyrrell	2nd
Recruits	Fus. Ward	4th
Lord Lieutenant's ..	Capt. T. A. Carlile	22nd
,, ..	2nd-Lieut. A. C. Spencer ..	27th
,, ..	C.Q.M.S. Hutchinson ..	31st
,, ..	Lieut. R. H. Rooksby ..	34th

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
30th October, 1926.

With the Drill Hall seized by the enthusiastic Missionary, training and recreation have had to take a back seat during the last month.

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There has, we understand, been a little work on the miniature range, and some progress with the Inter-Company Billiard Competition.

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The Officers had their annual shoot on the 9th inst., and Mr. Wilson won the Cup, which is very appropriate as he has done yeoman work for the good of shooting in the Battalion.

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Capt. Parmeter and Capt. Dawson and Major Wilkinson were next in order of merit, and we are glad the old hands are managing to hold their own with the members of the "Union." Compulsory liquidation is only a matter of time.

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Mr. Wilson also distinguished himself by winning the Officers' Golf Cup at Goswick. The following were the leading scores :—

		Score.
1.	Lieut. H. E. Wilson, H.Q.	78
2.	Capt. T. P. Parmeter, H.Q.	79
3.	Lieut. Criddle, "A" Coy.	85
4.	Capt. Dawson, "D" Coy.	87
5.	Major Wilkinson, H.Q.	88
6.	Lieut. Gillespie, "C" Coy.	88

Congratulations to Mr. Wilson on playing in the County Rugger trial. We hope to see him get his County cap before the season is over.

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Capt. Rutherford spent a pleasant fortnight with the 1st Battalion and took part in the move from Sauchiehall Street to Ballykinlar. We are glad to see the increased liaison between the 1st and the 6th. The "personal touch" was the best method of co-operation, we were told in the war; a drink or a dinner to O.C. Field Coy. always meant increased efficiency, and sometimes comfort!

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We hear rumours of some of the senior Officers making a raid on Ballykinlar, complete with hunting kit, beagles, squash racquets, etc., which may not sound like soldiering but, at the same time, may be d——d pleasant.

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We had quite a galaxy of talent from the Depôt at our last Mess Dinner :—Lieut.-Col. W. Platt, D.S.O., and Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C.; from the 1st Battalion, Messrs. Crawhall and Carr-Ellison; also Major P. Eustace-Smith, M.C., from the Yeomanry; Mr. Moore, 10th Brigade R.A.; Lt.-Col. Wm. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., 5th Battalion; Major J. M. MacKenzie, O.B.E., M.C., D.D.M.S.; Commander W. J. A. Davies, O.B.E., England's late rugger captain.

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We confess we had little sympathy with a heavyweight officer who imagined he was C. A. Kershaw, and that his fellow guests were Welsh forwards.

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Capts. Dawson and Leese have just done a Staff Course at York; Capt. Dawson was the only Territorial officer performing, but now this coal strike is on one must fill in one's time somehow, and what occupation better than becoming a staff officer in future.

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We had 14 officers at the 149th Brigade Dinner on the 22nd October, which was quite a good average out of 54 members and guests. The Colonel of the Regiment presided and made the usual charming speech recalling many incidents of the war that had passed from our memory. It is very pleasing to think this Dinner Club is so well supported by its members.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd October, 1926.

The chief items of interest since our last notes were penned have been the County Rifle Meeting, which was held at Ponteland during the two week-ends, 18/19th and 25/26th September; and the Divisional Tactical Exercise and Conference for Officers, held at Harrogate on 1st and 2nd October.

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The Rifle Meeting this year was a great success all round, and we are not altogether dissatisfied with the results achieved by our own entrants.

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"B" Company are to be congratulated on re-gaining the Lambton Cup from the 4th Bn., after a fine shoot—"C" Coy.'s team being a good third in this competition.

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We were unfortunate in not carrying off some of the other prizes—but we were not very far behind, having several seconds and thirds to our credit.

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"C" Coy. had very bad luck in the Recruits' Team event, very nearly pulling this off.

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A few of our budding shots, as also some full-blown marksmen, entered for the individual events, and all credit is due to them since they were not equipped with all those gadgets so often to be met with at Rifle Meetings.

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Quite a number appeared among the prize-winners, and we are at a loss to understand how some of them did it. We think office work must be good for the eyesight, when we see Orderly Room Sergeant Taylor staggering home with his prize-money—richly deserved, no doubt, even if only for the way he ran (or rolled) during the advancing practice.

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The Adjutant nearly stole the Revolver Cup, but was just beaten at the post—being second.

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Our Rifle Club did not do quite so well as anticipated, but rain was our worst enemy. One of the members did not like the look of the weather, so rather than go to the range on Sunday he went to Church instead!

Colonel Wright, Major Cowen, Major Robson and Capt. Trenam represented the Battalion at the Divisional Staff Ride at Harrogate, and a most interesting and instructive time was put in, perfect weather materially adding to the enjoyment.

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At the conference preceding the exercise, General Dugdenn announced that Scarborough was almost a certainty for Camp for the 149th Brigade next June; and this pleasing piece of intelligence has been confirmed officially since.

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So we feel sure we can look forward to a full strength Battalion in camp next year.

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We have two or three new Officers coming along, and hope next month to be able to record that all vacancies are filled.

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Our strength of other ranks to-day is 595.

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We welcome Sergt. W. Greaves to the Battalion, he having come from the 1st Bn. to fill the vacancy on the Permanent Staff *vice* C.S.M. Loder, whose time is up.

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He joins "C" Company at Amble, C.S.M. Cole going from there to "D" Coy. at Berwick to relieve C.S.M. Loder, who in turn rejoins the 1st Bn.

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We are supposed to be enjoying the "close" season now, but this does not apply to all of us. The worries of the Coal Strike are as nothing compared to those of handing in (or getting in) two suits of Service Dress, boots, etc.—visits from the Armourers—answering queries regarding the bounties—and all the points incidental to the running of a scattered Territorial Unit.

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Which reminds us, the bounties have now been issued—much to the joy of all concerned.

AMBLE NOTES.

On 19th September, a few of the keener spirits of the Company journeyed to Ponteland to try their luck against the more polished, and shall we say the more accomplished, marksmen that one meets at the annual Rifle Meetings.

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Lce.-Cpl. R. Coulson was successful in gaining a prize of 10s. in the Chipchase Cup, and C.S.M. P. Cole also managed to win a similar amount in another competition.

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On the 26th we again made the journey to Ponteland, and this time with more success.

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The Company Team ran out third in the Lambton Cup Competition, and the Recruits' Team gained three individual prizes. Had one other in this team done anything at all, we should have gone a lot further in this event.

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Great credit is due to both teams, who fired very well indeed.

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We have to-day welcomed Sergt. W. Greaves from the 1st Battalion, having come to take up the Permanent Staff duties of this Company.

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We offer him a cordial welcome and hope he will soon settle down amongst us.

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We much regret the loss to the Company caused by C.S.M. Coles' transfer to the Berwick Detachment; but our loss is Berwick's gain, and "Quo fata vocant."

BERWICK DETACHMENT NOTES.

The Training Season over, and all the necessary returns having been rendered, we are now looking anxiously forward to that little "spot" of cash known as the bounty. This, we hear, should be a thing of the past ere these notes appear in print.

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All ranks are already looking forward to camp next year. As there are still some members of the Company serving who "soldiered" at Scarborough in 1920, it is proposed that they act as guides for the new hands. However, if Scarborough can be enjoyed as much as all other camps have been, a good time is a certainty.

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Reference "B" Company Correspondent's calling our attention to the 1st Bn. notes anent bagpipes—Our P.S. Instructor was at Edinburgh to witness the Scottish Command Sports, and, incidentally, he heard the bagpipes there. But it should be mentioned that owing to the close proximity of the Berwick Drill Hall to the K.O.S.B. Depôt, where bagpipes are indulged in for breakfast, dinner and tea, he hastily joins with the 1st Battalion's correspondent's view that something ought to be done to combat the pipes. He suggests that a new sport could be arranged. Instead of "tossing the caber," why not "toss the haggis"? We in England, he says, toss the pancake, in any case.

(N.B.—No responsibility is accepted by the Berwick Correspondent for these personal views of one whose native heath is far removed from the home of the Pipes. Most of the Berwick lads are experts on the pipes—if not actual players of, listeners to, same.)

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A pleasant and enjoyable function took place at the Drill Hall on the 14th inst., when our P.S. Instructor, C.S.M. Loder, was the recipient of a handsome gold demi-hunter watch, subscribed for by his numerous friends in Berwick, on the occasion of his leaving to take up duty with the 1st Bn. on the termination of his period as a Territorial Army Instructor.

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R.Q.M.S. Hall presided over a large attendance, including Capt. Gallon (Commanding the Berwick Detachment), Capt. MacKay (late O.C.), Capt. Maclagan (R.A.M.C. (T.) Medical Officer), Lieuts. Brown, Moscrop and Robson, of "D" Coy., and about 50 members and ex-members of the Detachment.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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October, 1926.

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> Here lie the remains of—James Digges Chambers, Esq.—son of the late Francis Chambers, Esq., of Monte Alto, County of Waterford, Ireland—and—Ensign in his Britannic Majesty's 5th Regt. of Foot—who died at Pisa—on the 20th December, 1819—aged 23 years.

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His name does not appear in the Succession List, so presumably he served in the Regiment for less than a year.

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As this old cemetery (formerly on the outskirts, but now, through the growth of the city, right in the midst of a populous part) has been closed for burials since 1839, it has got into a very bad state, there being no funds to maintain it. It is therefore, we think, desirable to preserve this record.

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Subscriptions due in November:—

Cpl. S. Carter. R.Q.M.S. J. Vernon.
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Letters to the Editor.

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3. All serving or ex-Service men's wives or children who are or may become so afflicted.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

9th October, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

Firstly, we would like to thank all those who supported this appeal last year, especially those who became annual subscribers.

As shown in the Institute's Annual Report, much good work has already been accomplished, but in a short letter it is impossible to describe it fully.

Under the three categories mentioned above, help has been rendered. In addition, many men now serving are receiving assistance in respect of their blind relations,

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In the administration of this Fund a great step forward has been made. The Fund now co-operates with Regimental Associations; thus the applicants have not only received expert assistance more quickly, but in many cases overlapping has been avoided.

For these reasons and because of the fact that owing to the strike and the increase of unemployment, many who have formerly assisted the Fund are now unable to do so, we have no hesitation in asking you to combine to support the Fund. We may add that we rely mainly on those men who are actually drawing pay.

Many men are still being trained and several are already earning their own living. Although funds are not yet sufficient to give actual pensions to old and infirm men not capable of being trained, regular financial relief is in some cases being given.

Each case comes under the personal supervision of Captain E. B. B. Towse, whose experience is invaluable.

Contributions should be sent to Captain E. B. B. Towse, V.C., C.B.E., at 224, Great Portland Street, W. 1.

Yours faithfully,
ALLENBY, F.M.
W. N. ROBERTSON, F.M.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The question of a suitable dress for a regimental Northumberland piper was referred to in the September *Gazette* as "exceedingly difficult" (to know what to wear).

I venture to suggest the following, which, I think, would be not out of keeping with both our regimental tradition and the traditional pipers' dress—*i.e.*

A kilt of homespun in gosling green.
A scarlet doublet braided with green or black.
Woollen stockings in gosling green with scarlet garters showing at side of stockings.
Heavy black leather shoes.
A cloth bonnet of the same shape as the pipers of the Irish Guards, but in gosling green with our badge at the side. The pipes in green velvet bags with green streamer ribbons.

This type of dress is, of course, suggested by the pipers attached to the Regimental Band of the Irish Guards. Their homespun kilt is saffron, and worn with Irish green doublet. It is a picturesque and very becoming garb. Our pipers' uniform as suggested would be quite distinct—both from theirs and also from Scotch pipers who have the different Tartan kilts.

I could have a sketch in colour made of the dress suggested if it would interest anyone to see it.

T.A.

WORK FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

During August 128 soldiers completed their courses of vocational training at Hounslow and Catterick, and were discharged from the Army on the termination of their Colour Service. Of this number, 98 obtained immediate employment in civil life, some going to bricklaying, carpentry, painting and decorating, and others to motor and electrical work, general farming, market gardening, and other forms of employment.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The accompanying photograph was taken on the 8th September, when our two veterans, namely Mr. H. Harvey ("Chips") and Mr. G. Brydon, both of whom are resident at the Royal

Hospital, Chelsea, were the guests of our Hon. Treasurer, Col. D. Sapte, who had arranged a trip up the river in his motor launch. A most enjoyable day was spent.

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Special efforts are being made to ensure to our Re-union Dinner, on Armistice Night, a greater success than last year, when 154 were present. This year we have guaranteed 200, so that we trust that every Fifth Fusilier will do his utmost to be present, and so ensure a gathering well worthy of the old Regiment shall be the reward for those who endeavour to bring them together at least once a year.

SOME REMARKS ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

BY MAJOR F. K. HARDY, D.S.O., ARMY EDUCATIONAL CORPS.

It has come to my notice that, although the trades taught at the Army Vocational Training Centres are set out in detail in Army Council Instruction No. 590 of 1924, many N.C.O.'s and men, not having the opportunity of consulting that Army Council Instruction, are ignorant of the range of classes for which they can apply.

For this reason I will give a complete list of the classes at Catterick and Hounslow, and will add some explanatory notes to those held at Hounslow.

The trades taught are:—

At Catterick.

Bricklaying
Plastering
Carpentry
Joinery
Painting and Decorating
Smithing
Boot Repairing
Overseas Settlement
General Farming
Dairy Farming
Pig Farming
Poultry Farming
Market Gardening
Fruit Farming
Groundsman

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At Hounslow.

Bricklaying	Electric Wiring
Plastering	Fitting and Turning
Carpentry	Moulding
Joinery	Motor Mechanics
Painting and Decorating	Acetylene Welding
Smithing	Private Service
Boot-Repairing	Gardener-Handyman
Plumbing	Upholstery
Building Construction	French Polishing
Handyman	

The Choice of a Trade.

N.C.O.'s and men would be well advised to remember, all through their service, that the day will come when they have to find civil employment. There are many ways of preparing for that evil day, but the three most important, to my mind, are deciding upon the districts in which to settle, choosing a trade which offers prospects in that district, and keeping in with friends and relations who can help in the search for employment.

To emphasise these points, it is not generally recognised that some trades are universally practised throughout the British Isles, others may be localised to certain definite areas. Take, as instances, carpentry, a trade which is found in every town and village in these islands; and thatching, which is only found in some purely agricultural districts. Human nature being what it is, it is obvious that a friend who is in good employment and well considered by his boss or foreman can, if he wishes to, assist another into a vacant job over the heads of countless unknown applicants.

The State of the Labour Market.

N.C.O.'s and men are inclined to be over-confident about their ability to find employment. There is no doubt that a man who is determined to get work will do so sooner or later, but there is always the danger that the man will, in despair, join the ranks of the unemployed or take up some ill-paid, uncongenial work for the sake of his wife and children. It must be realised that when there are over one million men out of work in Great Britain, competition for employment is very fierce. Remember that our total population is under forty-eight millions, which means that one in every forty-eight persons of our population is unemployed.

Experience shows that it is not unusual for two or three hundred applicants to apply for a comparatively desirable job. It is this that the soldier must be prepared to face on his return to civil life.

The Hounslow Trades.

Bricklaying.—This trade, which is suitable for young men, will be found all over the country. In six months a higher standard of skill can be reached than in many other trades.

Plasterers.—Requires a powerful and flexible wrist. It is a young man's trade, for which excellent openings exist.

Carpenters and Joiners.—There is a good demand up and down the country for carpenters who understand fixing. Bench work and joinery require skill and experience to ensure constant employment. A small woodmill provides training for those who need it.

Painting and Decorating.—This trade suffers from serious depression in the winter months. All branches of this trade are taught, and those who wish can specialise in sign-writing or in coach painting. Spray painting is to be introduced shortly.

Building Construction.—Unless a man has some definite end in view it is inadvisable for him to undergo this course.

Plumbing.—Experience plays a large part in this trade. Students are taught one or more branches, according to their wishes or ability.

Estate Handyman.—This training consists of rough woodwork, plumbing, painting and general household repairs. Care of electric light and pumping plant can be given if required.

Electric Wiring.—This consists of indoor wiring for lighting, telephones and bells, and the care of electric light plant. Employment is not easily found in this work, which demands considerable theoretical knowledge. Applicants should have a distinct bent for electrical work.

Upholstery.—This trade is largely done by piece-work, which means that in order to secure a good wage speed is essential. Speed cannot be taught in six months, though an adaptable student should be able to compete with anyone after further experience.

French Polishing.—This is taught as an adjunct to upholstery, but applicants with a definite object in view can take it as a separate subject.

Boot Repairing.—Speed cannot be taught in six months. It only comes with experience. For this reason direct employment is not easy to obtain. There are fair openings for those who wish to set up on their own, but for success these must have the business sense and choose their locality with care.

Motor Mechanics.—The openings in this trade are fairly good. Although driving is taught, it is not possible to guarantee that every N.C.O. and man attending this class can get driving instruction. Every endeavour, however, is made to give this form of instruction.

Fitting and Turning.—Employment is found fairly readily for those with some previous experience.

Smithing.—There is very little opening to-day for the farrier. This course will give him instruction in general smith's work, tool making and acetylene welding, and so widen his chance of employment.

Moulding.—Only small work is done, but N.C.O.'s and men who have had previous experience can get back their skill. Employment is good.

Acetylene Welding.—Taught as an adjunct to smithing, fitting and motor mechanics. Can be taken as a separate course by those who have a definite object in view.

Gardener-Handyman.—The aim of this class is to turn out a man useful in the garden and in looking after poultry and a pig or two. Specialised or large-scale work is not done.

Private Service.—The training includes valeting, table work, care of silver, glass, china and furniture. Good posts in private houses, clubs and hotels are available for suitable men. Applicants should be unmarried, bear an exemplary character, and have an unblemished medical record. A man whose wife has been in service and is ready to return will find good opportunities provided that there is no family.

Army Council Instruction No. 500 of 1924 imposes restrictions on certain of the above classes. These are "previous experience" and "promise of employment," but I can say, authoritively, that an applicant who can prove that he has a sound reason for wishing to undergo any particular course will be considered for a vacancy as if he had the experience or promise normally required.

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"Quo fata vocant."

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DEATH.

CONLON.—At Sunderland, on 4th November, Tom Conlon, late Colour-Sergeant, 5th Fusiliers, aged 68 years.

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. C. R. L. English retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 2nd November).

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

North'd Fus.—2nd-Lieut. E. Willoughby resigns his commission (dated 17th November).

Sir Hugh C. de M. Haggerston, Bt. (late Cadet Under-Officer, Oratory School Contgt., Jun. Div., O.T.C.), to be 2nd-Lieutenant (dated 24th November).

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

5th Bn.—Lieut. F. H. Phillips to be Captain (dated 6th November).

7th Bn.—2nd-Lieut W. E. R. Fuller to be Lieutenant (dated 11th October).

The King has been graciously pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officer under the terms of the Royal Warrant dated 13th October, 1920 :—

Royal Grammar School (Newcastle-on-Tyne) Contgt., Jun. Div.—Capt. (Bt. Maj.) P. Challons, late Northd. Fusiliers.

Obituary.

SERGT. R. B. WILLIAMSON.

We regret to record the death, at the Sanatorium, Wooley, Northumberland, on 23rd November, 1926, of R. B. Williamson, late Sergeant, 5th Fusiliers, at the age of 42 years. Mr. Williamson, whose father and grandfather served in the FIFTH, joined in 1900, and was discharged in 1912. On the outbreak of the Great War he rejoined his old Regiment, served throughout the whole of the war, and was wounded at Hooge in June, 1915.

To his mother, who was born in the Regiment, and to his widow and family, we respectfully tender Regimental sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,

November, 1926.

We are now well into the hibernation period. The Army is in "Winter Quarters," and this particular bit of it is passing through that peculiar part of the year which we all know so well, when cup ties, inter-company leagues, drafts coming and going, tactical exercises, cross-country runs, concerts, training programmes, cadre courses, leave, etc., assume the proportions of so many jibbering shapes, each one clamouring for its place in the gigantic jig-saw of the winter curriculum—a puzzle which often appears to be incapable of solution, and yet is invariably solved as the season goes on. Truly it is a season of comings and goings, and, talking of comings and goings, it is not a little diverting to study how many of them do come and go. A study, for instance, of how various members of the Regiment go on leave at once, produces a variety of types. First of all there is the type that takes its leave immediately after a course (thereby probably wangling a nebulous extra day or two when nobody quite knows whether it is on leave or still on a course). This type comes back in one of two ways. It either says something like this: "Hythe? My dear fellow, I've had two months' leave since then, and have forgotten everything I ever knew" (this is the truthful sort); or else it comes back bristling with ideas about grenades or gas or hygiene or co-operation with aircraft, for all the world as though it wished either to disguise the fact that it had taken any leave, or to convey the impression that it had really only taken leave because it was necessary after all the labours of the course, if it was to do itself and the course justice on its return—(this is a tricky sort).

Secondly there is the type that slips off, quietly and unobtrusively, so that nobody realises for a day or two that it has really gone, returning again in the same manner (this is the best type, which treats leave as a perfectly ordinary item in the day's work, just like shaving in the morning or pulling through a rifle before inspection)).

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Lower in the scale comes the man who is going on leave on a certain date, and for at least a month beforehand everyone knows that anything that matters revolves around that particular date. Everything—work, training, games, etc.—must be arranged in conformity with his departure on that particular date, not a day sooner or a day later. This type makes prodigious preparations to go on leave and usually slips off without handing over its job on the games or mess committee, or else takes the keys of the Company safe to Switzerland with it.

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Another type, with perhaps enlarged ideas about its indispensability, either takes its leave in driblets for fear that its company or platoon may go to the dogs if its absence is too prolonged, or else it fixes a date for its departure and then loses the first fortnight or so after it should have gone, dithering about wondering if it can safely go. This type usually sits down as soon as it eventually does get home, and writes long letters about the administration of its company or platoon, giving detailed instructions about various things which should be done at once, and have usually already been done in its absence without a hitch. Leave holds out no joyous prospects for this type.

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Still lower in the scale is the type that has so much work to do this month and the next, and the one after that, that "it is all very well," but he *can't* go on leave. In other words, this type likes to pose as being thoroughly indispensable, and cannot conceive the plight of the Battalion, or its company, or, say, the training cadre, should it suddenly suspend its activities. This type is usually too "broke" to go on leave. Sometimes, however, it happens that an aunt sends it a cheque, or Cox's are kind. It then promptly reverts to type number three, which makes no end of a hullaballoo about getting away, and finally rushes off in a cloud of smoke.

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There is one other "leave" type, probably the least conspicuous of all during the leave season proper. The departure of this type on its annual leave, and its return therefrom, pass almost completely unnoticed, the reason for this being that from time to time, by hook or by crook, on one pretext or another, it manages to snatch a prodigious number of week-ends, and "three days," and "five days," throughout the year, so that we never quite know when it is present and effective and when it is not. This type is frequently a bachelor, who has quite a lot to say about married officers being exempt from church parade.

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To return, however, to the happenings of the past month.

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The chief event of Regimental interest has been the departure of R.S.M. Pullan, after 27 years' service in the FIFTH. Details of his career in the Regiment will be found on another page of this number. The farewell functions arranged in his honour by the Corporals' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess were ample testimony to the high esteem in which both he and Mrs. Pullan

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were held in the Battalion. On the day of his departure he was given a send-off by the entire Battalion, the like of which has probably not been seen for many years, the road out of camp being lined with men who cheered him to the echo. Everyone will join in wishing R.S.M. Pullan the very best of good fortune on his return to civil life after an unbroken period of service in the Battalion, during which he never failed to give unstintingly of his best for the common good of all. It is good to feel that through the medium of an organisation such as the Old Comrades' Association, these good servants of the Regiment are not lost to us after their soldiering is done. We look forward to renewing our acquaintance with R.S.M. and Mrs. Pullan on many occasions in the future.

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We also take this opportunity of welcoming R.S.M. and Mrs. Rowsell, who arrived shortly before R.S.M. Pullan's departure.

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During the past month two drafts have arrived from the Depôt and have been posted to "W" and "Z" Companies respectively. As a result of their arrival, and the fact that

SENTRIES OF 1ST BN. AND 1ST ROYAL SCOTS AT MARYHILL BARRACKS, GLASGOW.

the Indian draft is still with us, the strength of the Battalion at the moment is 818. Even when the drafting season is over, we shall still start the year over 700 strong, which reveals a very satisfactory state of affairs as far as recruiting for the Regiment is concerned.

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Games have been going strongly during the past month, though a number of matches have had to be postponed owing to periods of very heavy and almost incessant rain.

SPORTS NOTES.

FOOTBALL.

1st Round Army Cup versus D.L.I.

In this match we were drawn to play on our opponents' ground. After the team had already departed for Belfast, the game had to be postponed owing to the fact that heavy rain had made the ground unfit for play. It was played, however, on the following day, the ground still being very wet and slippery. The Battalion team was well supported by about 280 spectators who travelled to Belfast to see the game.

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The first half of the game produced very even and exciting play, and, under the adverse conditions, good football by both sides. Shortly before half-time the 68th obtained what looked rather an easy goal from a corner kick. The ball was well centred and headed in by an opponent who appeared to be left completely to his own devices by several of our team who were close to him, the explanation apparently being that they thought the ball had gone behind from a corner kick. If this was the case the obvious comment is that it is time that Regimental players realised that the referee is usually the only person in the proper position to judge such matters, and that they should play on until the whistle sounds, especially under such dangerous circumstances as those surrounding a corner kick against them.

At half-time the score stood at 1—0 in favour of the 68th.

During the first half the play had been very even, and we still had hopes that our team might save the game. These hopes were heightened shortly after half-time, when, as the result of a melée in front of the 68th goal, we equalised by scoring.

It was not long after this, however, that the 68th took a firm hold of the game, and with the exception of one or two raids by our forwards we were mostly on the defensive. Even when we did get near the 68th goal our forwards appeared to be rattled and seemed to shoot from unnecessarily far out, as though they were afraid of being robbed of the ball before they could put a shot in. Two more goals were eventually scored by the 68th, who won by the decisive score of 3—1.

There is no doubt that during the second half the 68th were by far the more dangerous side, though, under the conditions prevailing, we may perhaps say that our team was a little unfortunate in having to play away on such a slippery ground. At Ballykinlar we are lucky in having a ground that dries up very quickly, and, with the exception of one match last year, we have had little or no experience for a very long time of such conditions. We only arrived late last season from Cologne, where we almost invariably played on hard barrack squares, and the only two games of importance that we have had since then have both been played away on very slippery grounds.

Whether, under better conditions, the game would have been more even it is difficult perhaps to say, but it was very evident on the day that the 68th were more accustomed to the conditions and better able to keep their feet than our own team.

Of our players, the most outstanding were: Lce.-Cpl. Bell, at half-back; Fus. Dogherty, back; and Fus. McGarry, goal. Lce.-Cpl. Bell put in a lot of very hard work, particularly when the game was going against us, kept his feet well, and his kicking was sound. Fus. Dogherty fully justified his inclusion in the team, and amply made up for his lack of inches by his good judgment, fine kicking with either foot, and sound tackling. McGarry playing with an injured finger brought off some good saves, and his performance was especially praiseworthy, bearing in mind the slippery state of the goal mouth, and consequent difficulty in diving for the ball. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, at centre-forward, although he did well, was a little disappointing, after some of his earlier performances. Lce.-Cpl. Smart, at centre-half, appeared to tire badly towards the end of the game; and Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart, at back, was far from being at home on the slippery ground.

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The team must not, however, be discouraged by their defeat, as they all have it in them to play good football.

Shortly after the date of the match, they were sent on leave in order to be back together for the N.I.D. Cup Tournament, which begins in the New Year. The team in this match was as follows:—

Fus. McGarry.
Lce.-Cpl. Stobbart. Fus. Dogherty.
Lce.-Cpl. Ingham. Lce.-Cpl. Smart. Lce.-Cpl. Bell.
Fus. Walker. Fus. Sandford. Lce.-Cpl. Taylor. Fus. Ward.
Lce.-Cpl. Rhodes.

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After the match the 68th very kindly invited the team and spectators to tea, an act of hospitality which we hope some day to repay.

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The first team having gone on leave, it was decided to play no Inter-Company League football until they return, just before Christmas.

HOCKEY.

In the first round of the N.I.D. Hockey we were again drawn to play away, this time at Armagh, against the Depôt Royal Ulster Rifles.

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Very little in the way of a description of the match can be given, since except for the fact that the players used sticks, a hockey ball, and goal posts, it could hardly be recognised as hockey.

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The chief reason for this was the fact that the ground was very boggy, and after a few minutes' play was pitted with holes made by the feet of the players. Into one or other of these holes the ball almost invariably rolled, and was promptly surrounded by a scuffling band, all endeavouring at the same time to dig it out with their sticks. No sooner was it out than it again became embedded, so the game progressed to the end, the score eventually being 1—0 in our favour.

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The thanks of the team are due to the Depôt, Royal Ulster Rifles, for the very hospitable manner in which they were looked after during the day. It was unfortunate for both sides that the only available ground at Armagh should be one with such an unplayable surface.

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Our next opponents are the combined Depôts of the Royal Inniskilling and Royal Irish Fusiliers, whom we play on our own ground.

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The Inter-Company Hockey League has been completed, and the following table shows the result. Some of the games were very even, and produced quite good hockey. The first match, between "W" and "Z" Companies, resulted in a goalless draw, and had to be replayed—this match is not included in the table:—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Place in League.
"W" Coy. ..	3	0	3	4th
"X" Coy. ..	3	3	0	1st
"Y" Coy. ..	3	1	2	3rd
"Z" Coy. ..	3	2	1	2nd

HUNTING.

Hunting started with the East Down Harriers about the middle of October, and several of us have been out—on one or two occasions as many as nine—and we hope in February, when the leave season is over, that this number will be augmented, as three or four more Officers are buying horses or nibbling at buying them. Even in Ireland good horses, and at the right price, are hard to get.

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We have built a range of loose boxes, and Copp is now happier—that he has more horses to look after, and, incidentally, to talk about.

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The last month has been so abnormally wet that scent has on some occasions been poor, and the country more trappy than ever. The country is mostly loose stone walls, with plenty of banks, and one wants above all a clever horse.

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Our best runs up to date have been from Ballyclander and Corbally cross roads.

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The following have been out during the month:—Colonel Herbert, Major Booth, Major Chenevix Trench, Lieuts. Holdsworth-Hunt, Bland, Macmillen, 2nd-Lieuts. Parsons and Clarke, Capt. Stanton, R.A.M.C., Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Powell.

In order to discover talent for St. George's Minstrels, and incidentally to help pass the winter evenings, it has been decided to hold a series of Company concerts. A committee has been set up to judge them, and the Company which produces the best show is to receive a prize of £5. At first, Companies were a little sticky in taking up the idea, but on Monday, 22nd, Headquarters Wing took the lead, and the Tyneside Theatre was packed to its uttermost. The programme was well balanced and varied, including songs, recitations, concerted items, a sketch and a conjuring show. The sketch produced the best round of applause, and everyone wished it could have been longer. The tale of the swash-buckling Sir Fruitsalfeno's (Capt. Myers) passion for the Lady Piccadillyino (Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt), the refusal of her father, Sir Beechampillyo (Major Chenevix Trench) to permit an alliance, the duel between fond parent and swashbuckling lover, death of the former, and final carrying off of the maiden, was told and done during almost the first yell of merriment. Mention must also be made of Bruce, who appeared a shade nervous in the role of the Squire's mastiff, and viewed the slaughter of his lord and master with complete unconcern. On the whole, it was an excellent show, but lack of time and space prevent us from giving a longer account. "Z" Company are billed for the next concert, and if the show is as good as the advertisement campaign promises, they should give Headquarter Wing a run for the fiver.

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We were very glad to have with us for a short stay, Lt.-Col. Platt, who brought a draft over from the Depôt and stayed the week-end, and Major Carroll Leahy, who is waiting for a boat to go and join the 2nd Bn. Other society news items are Capt. Breddell's and Capt. Powell's departure to Hythe on short courses, Mr. Beckwith's and Mr. Macmullen's departure, the one on leave and the other on a course of co-operation with aircraft, and the return from Hythe and leave of Mr. Seth-Smith and Mr. Butterfield. We rather feel that the two last-

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named have had considerably the better end of the stick lately, in that they got away from Glasgow in July, went to the seaside in the summer, and returned after we had settled down at Ballykinlar. They both took cars with them, and there is a story that in one case, after they had been at Hythe a few days, it was only necessary to start the car up at Hythe and it automatically drove itself to a well-known hostelry in Folkestone and drew up at the door. Mr. Seth-Smith, on his return, went straight to the stables full of enthusiasm for his horses, mounted Carbuttry, and was promptly put off outside the stable door, much to his annoyance! Still, he is glad to be back.

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As these notes go to press comes the interesting news that the new Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne is Capt. Lambert, M.C., who was in a Service Battalion of the FIFTH during the war, and it is good to feel that there is such a strong bond of sympathy between the Lord Mayor of our county capital and his own county Regiment.

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Though it is yet only November, a realisation comes to us that it will be nearing Christmas when these notes are published, and so we take this opportunity of wishing all Fusiliers, past and present, overseas, in Territorial Battalions, in London Clubs—everywhere—a Very Happy Christmas.

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We have no Christmas jokes corner, no creepy ghost stories to offer, no coloured plates of yule logs, etc., and yet we feel that something should be found to brighten our Christmas number. True, we have our first, original, acrostic, and trust that the solution of it may serve to while away some part of the winter evenings, but then acrostics are rather stodgy things at the best of times, and what we require to cheer us up is some form of attempted humour. As a joke, the bagpipes business is worn threadbare, and we have already chronicled Mr. Seth-Smith's demise. Where else then may we turn for humour, or for a touch of the ridiculous? Humour, they say, is often found where it may least be expected. Very well, then, what can we think of that is anything but funny? The coal strike! That's got it. In the columns of the local daily of this very day's date we find just that touch of the ridiculous which makes the solemn days seem worth while, when we remember the joy we get out of just such touches as this.

Here are two extracts:—

(1) "According to the official returns from the pits yesterday there were 7,010 more miners at work, which brings the total increase so far this week to 52,000. . . . There is now a total of 428,488 men working."

(2) (Same paper, same date.) "Speaking at Leyton last night, Mr. Cook, the miners' secretary, said he was as unrepentant now as on the 1st of May, and he was *more optimistic* now than then."

Could anything be more ludicrous?

R.S.M. G. PULLAN, D.C.M.

R.S.M. Pullan, D.C.M., left the Battalion, on his return to civil life, on 8th November.

Enlisting in November, 1899, before the majority of us were born, he served at home until February, 1901, when he went to South Africa. There he remained until February, 1906—nearly six years—and then went further afield still, to India, where he remained till November, 1913, when the 1st Bn. came home. It will thus be seen that in his first 17 years' service he served only 15 months at home. He was not destined to remain long at home, for in August, 1914, he went to France with the Expeditionary Force, and his next spell of home service began in June, 1919. In July, 1922, he again went abroad, this time to Germany for 3½ years. His last year began at Ballykinlar, and ended there.

A history of Sergeant-Major Pullan's movements during his service is rather like a history of the 1st Bn. during that period, for every day of his service was spent in the 1st Battalion. The following are dates of his promotion:—

Lance-Corporal	June, 1900
Corporal	Nov., 1900
Lce.-Sergeant	Feb., 1902
Sergeant	April, 1902
Col.-Sergeant	Nov., 1902
R.Q.M.S.	May, 1915
R.S.M.	May, 1917

During the early years of his service he gained rapid promotion, and a glance at the above statement will show that within three years of his enlistment he had risen to the rank of Col.-Sergeant, which rank he held from 1902 to 1915, when he became R.Q.M.S.

R.S.M. G. PULLAN, D.C.M.

During the nine years that he held the rank of R.S.M. the Battalion went through that long and somewhat difficult period of reconstruction which was bound to ensue after the Great War. Throughout this period, and up to the end of his service, R.S.M. Pullan's unswerving loyalty, and conscientiousness in all his duties appertaining to the Battalion, proved of great support to his superiors, and set a high example to his subordinates. Perhaps his greater quality was one which, although many of us have from time to time come under its influence, few of us actually realised, and that was his absolutely strict impartiality in dealing with his subordinates—a quality of great value to one who occupied his position.

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His war services include South Africa, 1901–2, and the Great War, 1914–1918. During the last war he was awarded the D.C.M. in December, 1917. In 1920 he was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

From the above it will be seen that, whether it was peace or war, R.S.M. Pullan's life in the Regiment was well in keeping with the highest traditions of the non-commissioned and warrant ranks of the Army and of the FIFTH. It is perhaps a trite saying that of the many thousands who adopt the Army as a profession, only a very chosen few attain the rank of R.S.M., but it is fitting on their departure to dwell on the personal qualities of constant loyalty and devotion to duty, through which alone the rank can be attained and held.

R.S.M. Pullan's record is one which we may well dwell upon and strive to emulate.

ACROSTIC No. 1.

A kind of stoppage, not of trains or coal,
Yet one we sometimes pay for as a whole.

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1. Behead " curtailed," and if you've got it right
   A famous Fusilier comes into sight.

2. A building with an oriental name ;
   Palace or theatre, 'tis just the same.

3. A paradox, it seems, this light contains ;
   The whole is not the whole, but what remains.

4. Not rounder, certainly, and yet it's round ;
   The words alone are different, not the sound.

5. He hails from Egypt's land of smells and sun ;
   Behead, curtail, reverse him, then it's done.

6. The whole's a vessel—think for half a minute—
   Behead it twice, you'll find a girl's name in it.

7. This man's related to you, but, poor wight,
   He's got to be cut off to get it right.

E.G.P.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

November, 1926.

Let these notes commence with that time-honoured old wish, A Very Happy Christmas to all readers and all members, past and present.

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Our Saturday night functions still continue right merrily.

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Proof is existant in the fact that even, to use his own word, " Ambury " stirred his bones and took part in the dancing.

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During the evening of Saturday, the 20th inst., a game of blow-football was arranged between two teams of the ladies.

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writer of these notes acted as referee, and—well, that's thank you.

We had a flying visit from Sergt. Fitzgerald, who conducted a draft from the Depôt.

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To enquiries concerning " He-who-fishes-for-crabs-with-raw-meat "—a deaf ear was turned.

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Sergt. Baker, who is due to proceed to India, is at present enjoying a spot of leave.

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Drum-Major Hebbron has rejoined from Hospital, looking fit and well.

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What are these weird stories about " Creep " and " Tich " ? Talk is rife concerning " fishing for trousers " and " singing songs to ferrets."

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Congratulations are extended to Sergt. Donovan on his appointment to Master-Cook.

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He is a grand little fellow, except for two things—he will insist on having currants in the dripping, and he won't wear his sling belt in case he catches his heels in the tail.

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The matches for the Billiard Cup are being played at present, the results will appear at a later date.

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Our very best wishes for a very happy time in the Battalion are extended to S.M. Rowsell, C.S.M. Capstaff and Sergt. Loder.

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S.M. Rowsell joined from the 7th Bn. in relief of S.M. G. Pullan, who has now left the Bn., and C.S.M. Capstaff in relief to R.Q.M.S. Ambury, who is due to go at the end of the month.

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Thursday, 4th November, was the occasion of a Dance in the nature of a farewell to S.M. and Mrs. Pullan.

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During the evening both Sergt. and Mrs. Pullan were presented with handsome gifts as mementoes on leaving the Regiment.

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R.Q.M.S. Ambury, in a short speech, outlined the career of the Sergt.-Major, after which Mrs. Ambury presented the gifts.

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S.M. Pullan replied and expressed his sorrow at leaving the Battalion in which he served for twenty-seven years.

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An outline of S.M. Pullan's career will be found in the Regimental Notes.

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He was the central figure in an evening which will remain long in his memory.

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To the tune of " He's a jolly good fellow " he was chaired round the floor till he could be chaired no longer.

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On Monday, the 8th, he was given a send-off the like of which has not been seen for many years.

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After twenty-seven years, all spent with the 1st Bn., he has gone to civilian life.

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His time is done, he has served the Regiment faithfully and well, and now all that can be said is that the members of his old Mess wish both him and Mrs. Pullan the very best that life has to give them.

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The whole affair, dance, supper and the decorative scheme, was an enormous success.

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This was due to Sergt. Crawley, who throughout the whole time worked like a Trojan.

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In the supper department the work of Lce.-Sergt. Croft was greatly appreciated, as was also the work of Sergt. Moore in the decorating line.

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Many thanks to them and many congratulations on their excellent work.

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Thanks are also due to the Band, the music of which helped in no small measure towards the general success.

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We have now in the Mess an actor—to wit, Sergt. Gibbons.

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His portrayal of a drunken man who volunteers nobly to assist a magician, and allows himself to be run through, not with one sword but several, is a thing to be admired.

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Sergt. Reardon has rejoined the Battalion after completing a tour of duty at the Depôt.

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He goes away again to undergo a Vocational Training Course almost at once. So, Good luck!

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Our congratulations are due to Lce.-Sgt. Danaford on his appointment to that rank. Owing to an oversight his name was unfortunately missed from the last issue of the *Gazette*.

"FAGOTTO."

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

November, 1926.

A successful Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Gymnasium on 3rd November, as a farewell function to Regimental-Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Pullan on their retirement from the Regiment. The Officers and the members of the Sergeants' Mess were present in their usual large numbers.

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The Whist Drive commenced at 7.30 p.m., and twenty games were played. On the conclusion of whist, Mrs. Ambury presented R.S.M. and Mrs. Pullan with an oak-bound drawing-room clock suitably inscribed, as a mememto from the Corporals and Lance-Corporals of the 1st Battalion.

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After the presentation, dancing commenced, and a merry party thronged the floor to do justice to the splendid music supplied by the Regimental Jazz Band. During the "Interval" of the dancing Mrs. Booth kindly consented to present the prizes to the following winners of the Whist Drive:—

LADIES.	GENTS.
Miss Todd, 1st prize.	Cpl. Ross, 1st prize.
Mrs. Rowsell, 2nd prize.	Sergt. Clare, 2nd prize.
Mrs. Ross, 3rd prize.	Lce.-Cpl. Shields, 3rd prize.

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After the whist prizes were presented, the merrymakers retired for refreshments, which were successfully carried out by the N.A.A.F.I., under the management of our good friend, Miss Wilson.

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Dancing was resumed at 11 p.m. and continued till 2 a.m. Our thanks are due to the Committee on their whole-hearted efforts and excellent success of the evening.

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Congratulations to Lce.-Cpls. Augustine, Medwell, Athree, Baker, Gibbs, Weldale and Eager, on their appointment to Lance-Corporal, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them to the "Fold."

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During the past month we have bade good-bye to three of our members on their retirement from the Regiment.

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The first member to leave us was Lce.-Cpl. J. Riddle, and with him goes our best wishes for the future. A gold watch and chain has been sent to him as a memento from the "Fold."

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Cpl. (Paddy) Thompson also left us, and as he was the only member of the Club that could tell us all about the "Yallar Race" we find that he is greatly missed. We wish him the "Best of luck and prosperity" in his new sphere of life.

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A memento in the form of a 86-piece cutlery set has been sent to Cpl. and Mrs. Thompson, in remembrance of the happy days they have spent with us.

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Cpl. W. Obey left us early in the month, and on his retirement we have lost one of our best sportsmen. We wish him the best and hope to hear of his early success in civilian life.

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At last, dear readers, we have got a real live member in our Club, who can tell us all about the South Sea Islands!

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As a schoolboy we had often doubted the truthfulness of such tales, but our doubts have vanished by the presence of this islander among us. We look upon this wonder-man with awe, and often gaze upon him retiring to the school department to refresh his memory with the names of the various islands and their position on the map.

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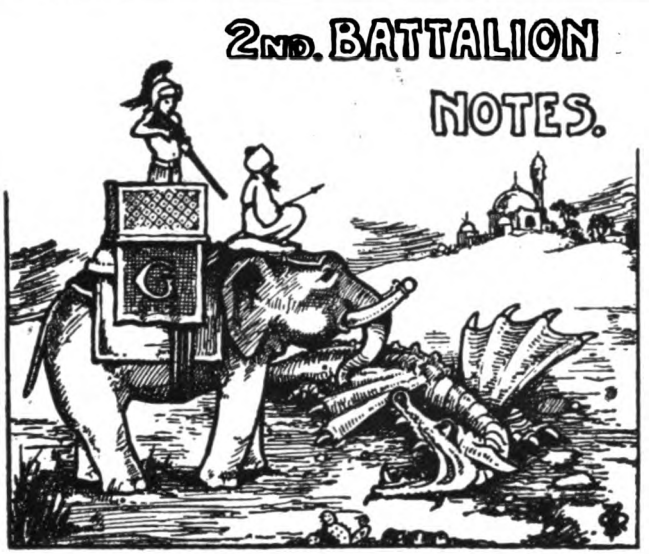

FYZABAD,

18th October, 1926.

Gradually, after the dislocations referred to in last month's notes, things are returning to normal. Once again the Battalion has a C.O., Adjutant and Quartermaster with Orderly Room staff at Fyzabad. Most of the Battalion is still marooned at Ranikhet.

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The outline scheme for our move has been revealed and is to the effect that the Ranikhet Detachment will concentrate at Bareilly on 3rd November, where it will be joined by Headquarters and "B" Company with the heavy baggage from Fyzabad on the same day. We are timed to arrive at Nowshera on the 6th November.

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The Advance Party of the 1st Royal Berkshire Regt., under Lieut. Seymour Hall, arrived on the 13th October, and are busily engaged in taking over stores, magazines, barracks, etc., from Mr. Maynard.

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We have played them at football and hockey, and both matches resulted in victories for the FIFTH (football, 6—0; hockey, 6—1). So far as we can judge they are very favourably impressed with the prospect of 4 years in Fyzabad. On 18th we beat the 43rd Field Battery, 2—1, at soccer, obtaining our revenge for the beating inflicted in the Donaldson Cup.

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Major O. B. Foster came back from U.K. and proceeded direct to Nowshera *en route* to Cherat to view the land. His activities during the one day spent in Nowshera could only be expressed in 5 sheets of foolscap, and the Battalion will greatly benefit by the amount of work he has put in.

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Mr. Tarleton, with his brother, arrived on 10th October, and we were very pleased to see the latter make top score in a cricket match against the 43rd Battery R.A., playing for the Garrison team.

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We were delighted to see Mr. Ingledew, looking so fit in spite of his recent operation. He arrived on 9th, and has been posted to "B" Coy.

Capt. and Bt.-Major T. J. Carroll Leahy, who was Adjutant of the Dublin Fusiliers before joining the 1st FIFTH on disbandment, has been posted to 2nd Battalion, and will sail about 3rd December. He will take command of "A" Coy. on joining.

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Capt. and Mrs. Plummer and family are on the high seas, and Capt. Cooper is bidding a last fond farewell to the United Kingdom at the time of writing.

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We very much regret to record the death at Ranikhet of Fus. (ex-Boy) Hammersley. He was a very popular man in the Battalion, and the sympathy of all ranks is sincerely tendered to his relations. An account of his funeral at Ranikhet Cemetery appears elsewhere.

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Mrs. Kershaw's sister, Miss Tuke, has arrived after a six days' train journey from Colombo, *via* Calcutta. It is excellent training for the comparatively short journey next month to Nowshera; still, to see Colombo, Madras, Calcutta, Benares, Lucknow, Lahore, Bareilly and Rawal-Pindi, not to mention Fyzabad, in the inside of three weeks, is not the lot of everyone.

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Mrs. Fabel, who has been with us as children's schoolmistress since last trooping season, leaves us to go to Peshawar. We wish her best of luck and are glad that the Powers-that-be have at last seen their way to allowing her to join her husband. That she arrived here at all was quite unintended.

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Mrs. Fabel's husband was proceeding to India by "Y" trooper, a spinster schoolmistress was proceeding by "X" boat about the same date. At the last moment a double cabin became available on the "X" boat, and W.O. offered Mrs. Fabel a berth with her husband in it. Mrs. Fabel accepted the offer on condition that she was posted to serve with her husband.

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W.O. transferred the spinster from "X" to "Y" boat and put Mrs. Fabel and her husband on "X" boat. Meantime the rolls forwarded by mail reached India. The Education authorities not unnaturally posted the spinster supposedly on "X" boat to Fyzabad, the schoolmaster supposedly on "Y" boat to Peshawar. Meantime W.O. cabled: "Schoolmistress Mrs. Fabel arrives additional "X" boat." Education in India not connecting Mrs. Fabel on "X" boat with Sergt. Fabel assumedly on "Y" boat posted schoolmistress on "X" boat to Peshawar.

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Result:—Sergt. Fabel and Spinster arrive Peshawar; Mrs. Fabel arrives Fyzabad. Economy prevents readjustment.

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A very interesting map, once in the possession of Sir Archdale Wilson, of Delhi, who commanded the Artillery during the operations under Sir Colin Campbell which ended in the final seige and capture of Lucknow, in March, 1858, came in the possession of Lt.-Col. Goldsmith, commanding 1st Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

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Colonel Goldsmith kindly lent Colonel Kershaw this map and a wonderful reproduction has been made by Fus. Allen, of the Orderly Room staff. The map very closely resembles that contained in General Milman's diary, but covers more ground. It shows the positions of the FIFTH and other Regiments about

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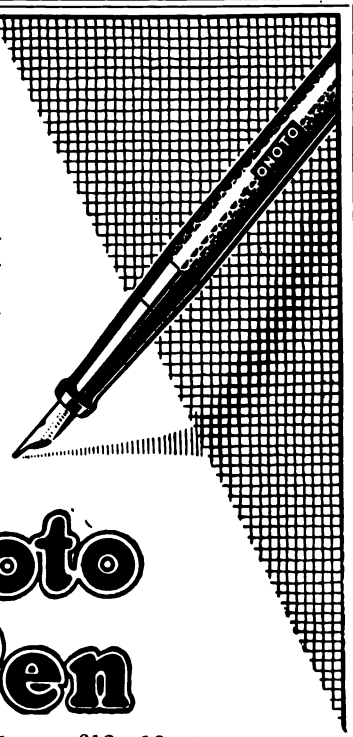

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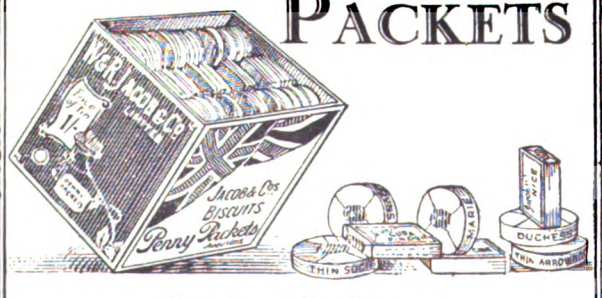

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the Alumbagh—the FIFTH on the right of the line, close to the site of the War Memorial to the Regiment on the Lucknow-Cawnpore Road.

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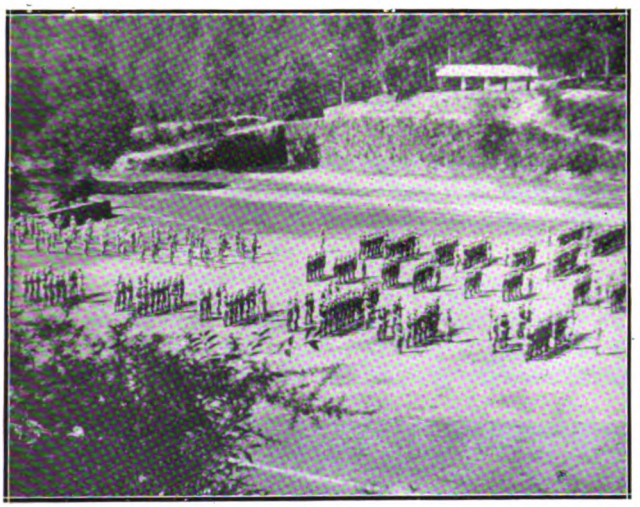
Piquets, batteries, roads and enemy positions are very clearly



RANIKHET.

THE DETACHMENT FORMED UP FOR INSPECTION BY MAJOR-GENERAL FRANKS, G.O.C. U.P. DISTRICT.

shown, and the map is certified as true copy by Lieut. Roberts (later Field-Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar), as D.A.Q.M.G. to Major-General Sir J. Outram, G.C.B.

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It is proposed to mount the map under glass and exhibit it, together with a copy of a letter from Sir Roland Knyvet Wilson, Bart., in some suitable place.

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Fus. G. Allen must be congratulated on the execution of this fine piece of work, and also on the design of the suggested frontispiece for *St. George's Gazette* on its 50th birthday.

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Congratulations to the 4 representatives of the Corporals' Mess—Lce.-Cpl. Whitthread, "A" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Turner, "A" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Masterson, "B" Coy.; and Lce.-Cpl. Maguire, H.Q. Wing—on their success in the Billiard handicap at Ranikhet, for the third year running, thus winning the Cup outright. It is a handsome addition to the Battalion Silver.

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Capt. Attwater leaves us temporarily at the end of the month to take up the duties of S.S.O., Cherat.

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The Officers of the Garrison, with a strong contingent of FIFTH N.C.O.'s, and Mr. E. M. Tarleton played the 43rd Field Battery at cricket. The first innings totals left the match anybody's game, but the Garrison collapsed badly in the 2nd innings.

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The bowling of Fus. Smith (4 for 7 runs), Fus. Jones (4 for 21 runs), in the first innings, and Fus. Smith (3 for 20 runs) in second innings, were excellent, and it is a pity that they were not put on to bowl until too late in the first innings.

Sergt. Bosworth (15) and Mr. E. M. Tarleton (33) batted well in first innings.

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Scores :— Garrison, 80 and 27.
43rd Field Bty., 88 and 67.

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Our old friends the three Officers of the 9th Jats struck a bad patch, scoring 4 runs for six completed innings.

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The account of the match, to be complete, must contain a reference to an excellent one-handed catch made by Mr. Collingwood after running ten yards at full speed from third man to behind point.

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We were very glad to greet Sergt. Bowker, Lce.-Sgt. Brown, C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, Sergt. Grace and Cpl. Barratt, back from home leave. We understand that in some quarters the Fyzabad or United Kingdom bill of fare is preferred to that supplied on board the *Nevassa*.

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Sergt. Shaw, Cpl. Green, Fusrs. Ouzman and Cole leave us on posting to the home establishment. Good luck to them!

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Sergt. Fitzgerald's illness and operation, mentioned in a long letter from Col. Platt, came as a shock. We were expecting him back in 1927, but he will deserve a further spell in England to convalesce. A speedy recovery to him.

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Our Advance Party, under Lieut. Maynard, leaves on 20th October, and after a long journey and many changes hopes to arrive at Nowshera on the afternoon of the 22nd.

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The Indian Post Office vagaries are well known. Owing to holidays, the post for the day before yesterday has not yet

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"C" COY. MARCHING PAST, "D" COY. FOLLOWING.

been delivered. This has resulted in many anxious visits by the R.S.M. to the Post Office, the recall of over-worked babus

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from fishing expeditions or sleep, and feverish suspense in the Orderly Room, all to discover what a mysterious wire from Brigade imports. Is our move cancelled, or should we have left yesterday? The Post Office still sleeps.

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The Officers dined the 9th Jats on 11th October, and the return is fixed for the 18th. On 15th the Officers entertained the civilians of Fyzabad; and Mr. Hobart, in a neat after-dinner speech, proposed the health of the FIFTH, referring in very pleasant words to the happy four years we had spent together in Fyzabad. The Commanding Officer replied, and both toasts were drunk with musical (!) honours.

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We shall be very sorry to leave Fyzabad, where we have always been so hospitably treated and where we have so many friends, but "Quo fata vocant!" The Commissioner, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Hobart, Col. Cooke, Mr. Nanavatty, Mr. English, Mr. Russell, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Clarke were the guests of the evening, and their kindness throughout our stay and their kindly good-bye will be treasured long after we leave Fyzabad.

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Good old Fyzabad! We shall miss its fishing and shooting, its wonderful playing fields, its peace, its chowkidars, its panthers, its smells, its golf and polo! More still shall we miss "our" policeman, "our" gang cases, "our" pipers, "our" Khan Bahadur and "our" Mr. Hobart!

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COPY OF LETTER FROM SIR ROLAND KNYVET WILSON, BART., REFERRED TO IN THESE NOTES.

36, CHURCH ROAD,
RICHMOND, SURREY.
6th November, 1916.

DEAR SIR,

Replying to yours of yesterday, the two Lucknow maps belonged to my uncle, the late Sir Archdale Wilson, of Delhi, and came into my possession, together with certain arms, plate and other articles, under his will, on the death of his widow, which took place on the 31st December, 1915.

After the capture of Delhi by the force under his command in September, 1857, my uncle was employed for some time at Meerut and elsewhere, but from January, 1858, was in command of the Artillery during the operations conducted by Sir Colin Campbell (afterwards Lord Clyde) which ended in the final siege and capture of Lucknow on 25th March of that year, after which he took furlough and did not again return to India. One of the maps shows on a large scale the Kaiserbagh and adjoining buildings, which were the primary objective of the attacking force; the other shows on a smaller scale the entire city, with its environs, including the Alumbagh, the post occupied by Outram since the second relief.

Both are, no doubt, copies of those made for the use of the Commander-in-Chief, and it is the letter which is, as you will see, certified as a "True Copy" over the signature of Lieutenant Roberts, the future Field-Marshal, in the capacity of "Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General." We know from himself ("Forty-one Years in India," Vol. I., pages 46–47) that he got a staff appointment in the Quartermaster-General's department in 1856, and continued in it, with the exceptions of one or two short intervals, until 1878, when he left it as Quartermaster-General.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) R. K. WILSON.

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News has just come in that the large Safari which left Ranikhet a short time ago under that distinguished East African game shot, Major Critchley-Salmonson, has been compelled to return owing to the sudden illness of its leader.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson was attacked by some venemous insect and was partially paralysed when found by the rescue party. He has since made a rapid, and, we hope, a complete recovery.

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Our sympathy with Major Critchley-Salmonson on his bitter disappointment after weeks of preparation is most sincere.

Picture of the Safari moving out by Allen—radio—is enclosed.

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No. 4263200 A/BANDSMAN P. HAMMERSLEY.

We regret to have to chronicle the death, at the age of 19 years, of gastro-enteritis, of No. 4263200 A/Bandsman P. Hammersley, who was admitted to hospital on the 6th October

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FUNERAL OF A/BDSMN. P. HAMMERSLEY.

and died at the British Military Hospital, Ranikhet, on 7th October, 1926.

The funeral, which took place on the 8th October, was largely attended by the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Regiment, and a representative Detachment from the "E" Division Signals (Royal Corps of Signals) was also present.

The deceased, as an ex-boy, was an extremely popular figure in the Regiment, and his loss to the Band will be greatly felt.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his parents, to whom his sudden death must have come as a great shock.

Amongst the large number of floral tributes sent were wreaths from the Commanding Officer and Mrs. Kershaw, Major and Mrs. Baxter, Miss Symes, the Officers of "D" Coy., W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men of "D" Coy. (2 wreaths), W.O. and Mrs. Murdoch, C.Q.M.S. and Mrs. Ward, Sergt. and Mrs. Earl, Dolly and Billy Earl, N.C.O.'s and men of "E" Division Signals (Royal Corps of Signals), Soldiers' Home (wreath on behalf of his father), his Comrades of the Band (2 wreaths).

BOXING NOTES.

RANIKHET INTER-UNIT BOXING.

The Ranikhet Inter-Unit Boxing took place in the Gymnasium, Alma Barracks, on the 23rd, 24th and 25th September.

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The FIFTH were as usual very strongly represented, and succeeded in winning all weights and carrying off first, second and third places in the team competition.

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"D" Coy., who won the Inter-Unit Team Cup last year at Ranikhet, again repeated their success this year.

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Their performance was all the more meritorious as they won four of the six weights and had two runners-up.

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Major Carlton (The Welch Regt.), Commanding Alma Barracks, paid a splendid tribute to the quality of the boxing, and said it was as good fighting as he had seen during the whole of his service.

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He referred to the fine sporting spirit which was displayed, and to the exemplary conduct of the audience. He had never seen a better organised tournament, and complimented Mr. Clifford and his committee for the manner in which the arrangements were carried through.

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As most of the contestants were from the ranks of the FIFTH, the audience in a very large majority Fusiliers too, and the working committee entirely from the Regiment, this compliment was particularly gratifying.

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The Regiment undoubtedly set a very fine example in sportsmanship, for the spirit in which men of the same Company fought each other left little room for further effort.

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The Light-Weight Semi-Final contests between Fus. Cross ("D" Coy.) and Fus. Wright ("D" Coy.), Lce.-Cpl. Turner ("A" Coy.) and Fus. Fawcett ("A" Coy.); and the Feather-Weight Semi-Final between A/Dmr. Antcliffe ("D" Coy.) and Fus. Phillips ("D" Coy.) were splendid examples of the traditional spirit of the FIFTH to fight it out on the hardest possible lines.

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FINALS.

Bantam-Weight. Fus. Venables ("A" Coy.) *versus* Fus. McMullen ("D" Coy.).

A very close contest. McMullen was the more experienced boxer He was particularly useful with his left and appeared to be ahead in the first two rounds. Venables, known to us all as a long distance stayer, was persistent in the last round and was awarded the verdict.

Feather-Weight. Fus. Oakes ("B" Coy.) *versus* Fus. Phillips ("D" Coy.).

One remembers that these two boxers fought it out toe to toe in the Final of the Inter-Company Feathers at Fyzabad. Their meeting this time produced another great contest. Phillips served out particularly heavy punishment in the first two rounds, hitting beautifully with both hands.

Oakes, one of the gamest of boxers, stood up to Phillips in true Fusilier spirit, and succeeded in punishing the latter with blows to the head.

The third round saw lively fighting. Both went in for hard hitting. Phillips slackened off towards the close with the terrific efforts he had put forward. Both finished off hammering one another in a real stand-up fight.

Phillips gained a fine hard-fought-for victory; and Oakes, with unanimous consent, was a great loser.

Light-Weight. Fus. Fawcett ("A" Coy.) *versus* Fus. Cross ("D" Coy.).

Cross displayed vivid signs of his terrific buffetting at the hands of Fus. Wright in the Semi-Final of the Weight.

He was, however, in great form against Fawcett. His boxing was, indeed, pretty. His left-handed work was electric like, and repeatedly turned up on his opponent's face with such precision and rapidity that Fawcett became non-plussed and was open to hard straight lefts which followed.

Fawcett fought gamely, but was outclassed. He tried hard to bring over his hefty right, but was always short of the mark, and lost the contest by a good margin.

Cross showed exceptional form throughout the entire series and gained the high opinion of all good judges for greater honours in the future.

Welter-Weight. Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy.) *versus* Fus. Rutter ("D" Coy.).

Murphy did not show his true form in this contest. He seemed content to box rather than fight, with the result that Rutter was enabled to assume the aggressive and, being persistent, got home a number of useful leads which in the end gave him the verdict.

Middle-Weight. Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy.) *versus* Fus. Watson ("D" Coy.).

Cpl. Palmer, having fractured his thumb in the Semi-Final of the Open Welter-Weight Competition, was unable to fight.

Heavy-Weight. A/Dmr. Hayton ("A" Coy.) *versus* Lce.-Cpl. Graham ("A" Coy.).

Graham damaged his hand in the contest with Fus. Cassidy ("D" Coy.) and was unable to appear.

Open Welter-Weight. Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy.) *versus* Pte. Day (Lincolnshire Regt.).

Murphy came out full of fire in this contest. From the sound of the gong he gave his opponent no rest.

A terrible right which landed on Day's left eye caused his opponent's eye to swell to such dimensions that he was almost blinded.

Day was plucky and despite the handicap he endeavoured to force the fighting. Murphy landed another terrific right straight to the point and his opponent—a very plucky fellow—fell to the boards, which his head struck with such tremendous force that he was out and unconscious for some considerable while.

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RESULTS.

Bantam-Weight.

1st Series.—Pte. Davies (The Welch Regt.) beat Fus. Malone ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Semi-Final.—Fus. McMullen ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Pte. Davies (The Welch Regt.) on medical grounds.

Fus. Venables ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) w.o. Fus. Clark ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) on medical grounds.

Final.—Fus. Venables ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. McMullen ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

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Feather-Weight.

1st Series.—Pte. Slade (The Welch Regt.) beat Fus. Forrest ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Fus. Richards ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Pte. Bate (D.C.L.I.) on points.

2nd Series.—Fus. Oakes ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Pte. Little (D.C.L.I.) on points.

A/Dmr. Antcliffe ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. De Costa ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.), second round.

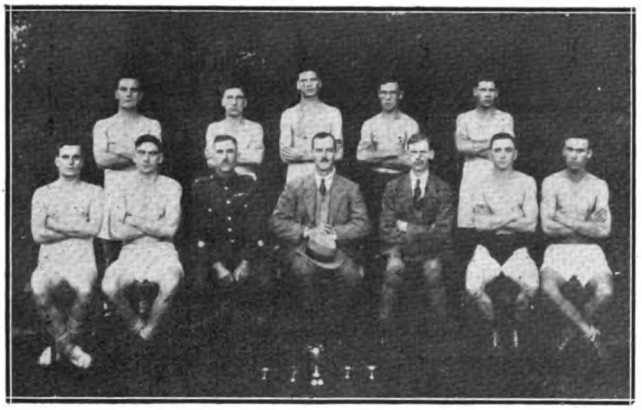
Fus. Phillips ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Pte. Tunks (The Welch Regt.), second round.

Pte. Slade (The Welch Regt.) w.o. Fus. Richards ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) on medical grounds.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Oakes ("B" Coy.) beat Pte. Slade (The Welch Regt.), second round.

Fus. Phillips ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Antcliffe ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Final.—Fus. Phillips ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Oakes ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.



"D" Coy., 2nd Bn. Fifth Fusiliers.

WINNERS RANIKHET INTER-UNIT BOXING, SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Top Row.—Fus. F. Ward. Fus. J. McMullen. Fus. A. Townend. Fus. H. Cross (Winner, Light). Fus. J. Watson (Winner, Middle).

Seated.—Fus. D. Malone. Fus. J. Cassidy. C.S.M. E. Beck, M.M. Major E. H. Baxter. Lieut. Melville. Fus. T. Phillips (Winner, Feather). A/Dmr. Antcliffe.

Absent.—Fus. E. Rutter (Winner, Welter).

Light-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Cross ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Hawkins (H.Q. Wing, 5th Fus.), second round.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Cross ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Wright ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Fus. Fawcett ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Turner ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Final.—Fus. Cross ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Fawcett ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Welter-Weight.

1st Series.—Fus. Walden ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Townend ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Pte. Eastham (The Welch Regt.), first round,

Fus. Rutter ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Shotton ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.), third round.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Walden ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.), first round.

Fus. Rutter ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Whitt ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Final.—Fus. Rutter ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Middle-Weight.

1st Series.—Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Smith ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.), second round.

Semi-Final.—Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Dmr. Crispin (H.Q. Wing, 5th Fus.) on points.

Fus. Watson ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Wilson ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) on points.

Final.—Fus. Watson ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.) w.o. Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.), medical grounds.

Heavy-Weight.

1st Series.—A/Dmr. Hayton ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Bdsmn. Burns (H.Q. Wing, 5th Fus.), second round.

Semi-Final.—A/Dmr. Hayton ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Ward ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.), third round.

Lce.-Cpl. Graham ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Cassidy ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.), first round.

Final.—A/Dmr. Hayton ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.) w.o. Lce.-Cpl. Graham ("A" Coy., 5th Fus.), medical grounds.

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Open Welter-Weight.

Semi-Final.—Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Fus. Wright ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.), second round.

Pte. Day (Lincolnshire Regt.) beat Cpl. Palmer ("D" Coy., 5th Fus.), second round.

Final.—Fus. Murphy ("B" Coy., 5th Fus.) beat Pte. Day (Lincolnshire Regt.).

POINTS.

"D" Coy., 5th Fus.	52
"A" Coy., 5th Fus.	39
"B" Coy., 5th Fus.	16
Det. The Welch Regt.	12
H.Q. Wing, 5th Fus.	5
Depôt	4

RANIKHET CRICKET.

"D" COY., 5TH FUS., *v.* "E" DIVISIONAL SIGNALS.

"D" COMPANY.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
C.S.M. Beck, c Warner, b Cpl. Youngston	7		
Fus. Mitchell, run out	0		
W.O. Murdoch, b Cpl. Youngston ..	2	did not bat	
Fus. Morfitt, c Cpl. Pickett, b Cpl. Youngston	8		
Fus. Edgar, b Cpl. Youngston	0		
Fus. Lyons, b Cpl. Youngston	17	b Cpl. Youngston	9
Fus. Cross, b Cpl. Youngston	8	b Sig. Brindley	14
Sgt. Earl, b Cpl. Youngston	10	c and b Cpl. Warner ..	5
Fus. Watson, c and b Sig. Beck	1	not out	35
Fus. Brassett, not out	1	b Cpl. Youngston	5
Fus. Williams, c and b Sig. Beck	1	c and b Cpl. Youngston ..	7
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	56	Total for 5 wkts. (dec.) ..	75

"E" DIVISION SIGNALS.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Sig. Pearson, b Brassett	1	b Mitchell	0
Cpl. Warner, b Mitchell	0	b Mitchell	20
Sig. Hadland, b Mitchell	0	b Mitchell	11
Sig. Robertson, c Mitchell, b Brassett ..	8	c Cross, b Mitchell ..	13
Cpl. Pickett, c Brassett, b Mitchell ..	0	b Sgt. Earle	0
Cpl. Youngston, b Brassett	1	c Murdoch, b Lce.-Cpl. Morfitt	4
Sig. Pearce, b Brassett	0	b Mitchell	3
Sig. Brindley, b Mitchell	1	b Mitchell	0
Sig. Beck, b Mitchell	5	b Mitchell	4
Sig. Castle, not out	5	b Morfitt	12
Sig. Smith, c Edgar, b Brassett	4	not out	0
Extras	0	Extras	5
Total	25	Total ..	72

"D" Coy. won by 34 runs.

SPORTS NOTES.

The Ranikhet Depôt Sports were held in good weather, on 27th and 28th September, 1926. The Fusiliers again distinguished themselves by taking first place, "A" Company on this occasion having the honour of taking away the Athletic Cup.

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All the events were keenly contested, and taking into consideration the heavy state of the ground, the times were exceedingly good. Cpl. Wooll, of "A" Coy., in particular, won his heat in the 100 yds. on the first day in 10 1/5 secs.

The attendance was good, the weather seeming to pull out everyone in Ranikhet, and by some of the comments passed by the spectators, one and all had an enjoyable afternoon's sport. This was mainly due to Mr. Clifford and his Committee, who again worked very hard to make it the success it was. The Sergeants' race showed us that there is plenty of vim left in our older members, this event being won by Educational Instructor Mr. Murdoch, followed by C.S.M. Scott, with Sergt. Earle making a dead heat for third place. Rumour has it that both the former and the latter were seen to be training at very late hours for this event.

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The following are the results of the events :—

100 *Yards.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. F. Wooll, "A" Coy. (11 secs.); 2, Fus. Bloomfield, H.Q. Wing; 3, Pte. Gold, 1/D.C.L.I.

880 *Yards.*—1, Sig. Denyer, R.C.S. (2 mins. 2 2/5 secs.); 2, Cpl. Bastins, 1/D.C.L.I.; 3, Fus. Venables, "A" Coy.

A very close finish, about a yard between the three.

High Jump.—1, Fus. Watson, "D" Coy. (5 ft.); 2, Fus. Burn, "A" Coy. (4 ft. 11 ins.); 3, Fus. White, "A" Coy. (4 ft. 10 ins.).

Long Jump.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Bland, "A" Coy. (18 ft. 11 ins.); 2, Fus. Burn, "A" Coy. (18 ft. 3 ins.); 3, Lce.-Cpl. England, 1/D.C.L.I. (17 ft. 11½ ins.).

Hurdles.—1, Lce.-Cpl. Bland, "A" Coy. (18 secs.); 2, Fus. Flatman, "B" Coy.; 3, Pte. Pain, 1/D.C.L.I.

220 *Yards.*—1, Lce.-Cpl. Wooll, "A" Coy. (25 2/5 secs.); 2, Pte. Gold, 1/D.C.L.I.; 3, Lce.-Cpl. Davies, "A" Coy.

Mile.—1, Fus. McCarthy, "C" Coy. (5 mins. 29 2/5 secs.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Bastins, 1/D.C.L.I.; 3, Sig. Blackstone, R.C.S.

440 *Yards.*—1, Pte. Gold, 1/D.C.L.I. (1 min. 3 4/5 secs.); 2, Lce.-Cpl. Derick, 1/Welch Regt.

Sergeants Race.—1, W.O.I. Murdoch (17 secs.); 2, C.S.M. Scott; 3, Sergt. Earle. A very exciting race.

Relay Race.—1, "A Company (4 mins. 20 3/5 secs.); 2, 1/D.C.L.I.

"A Coy.'s team showed a clean pair of heels in this event.

Tug-of-War.—1/D.C.L.I. won from the Royal Corps of Signals, 2 pulls to nil.

Champion Company.—1, "A" Company, 5th Fusiliers (22 points); 2, Det. 1/D.C.L.I. (16 points); 3, Royal Corps of Signals (7 points).

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On conclusion of the Sports, the Cups and prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Joslen, wife of the Depôt Adjutant.

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EXTRACTS FROM PART II. ORDERS.

No. 7809642 Cpl. W. Tindall, H.Q., promoted Sergeant, with effect from 1/8/26.

No. 4256631 Lce.-Cpl. W. Bennett, H.Q., promoted Corporal, with effect from 5/4/26.

No. 4258484 Lce.-Cpl. L. Smith "D" Coy., promoted Corporal, with effect from 1/9/26.

No. 4262070 Lce.-Cpl. L. McDonald, "A" Coy., Paid Lance-Corporal, with effect from 1/9/26.

No. 7809272 C.S.M. E. Hodsell, H.Q., discharged to pension, with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4257316 Sergt. H. Skelton, "C" Coy., transferred to Army Reserve, with effect from 3/10/26.

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No. 4256852 Clr.-Sergt. A. Pollard, H.Q., promoted W.O. Class II. and appointed C.S.M., with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4257849 Sergt. R. Hamilton, H.Q., appointed A/Clr.-Sgt. and A/C.Q.M.S., with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4256272 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) A. N. Beatty, H.Q., promoted Sergeant, with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4257136 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) E. J. Springate, "A" Coy., promoted Sergeant, with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4258035 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) W. Wasse, H.Q., promoted Sergeant, with effect from 3/10/26.

No. 4257185 Cpl. A. Doy, "C" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Sergeant, with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4257624 Cpl. W. Young, "D" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Sergeant, with effect from 1/10/26.

No. 4260219 Cpl. G. Boon, "B" Coy., appointed Paid Lce.-Sergeant, with effect from 3/10/26.

The undermentioned are promoted to rank of Corporal, with effect from dates stated:—No. 4261630 Lce.-Cpl. G. Punton, "D" Coy., 1/10/26; No. 4259878 Lce.-Cpl. N. Leatherland, "D" Coy., 1/10/26; No. 4260805 Lce.-Cpl. J. Stephens, "D" Coy., 1/10/26; No. 4262523 Lce.-Cpl. J. Tulip, H.Q., 3/10/26.

The undermentioned are appointed Paid Lce.-Corporals, with effect from dates stated:—No. 4261824 Lce.-Cpl. W. Lacey, H.Q., 1/10/26; No. 4260382 Lce.-Cpl. H. Meggs, "C" Coy., 1/10/26; No. 4261851 Lce.-Cpl. J. Smith, "D" Coy., 1/10/26; No. 4262390 Lce.-Cpl. J. Purves, "C" Coy., 3/10/26.

DETACHMENT NOTES.

RANIKHET,
21st October, 1926.

Battalion Headquarters returned to Fyzabad early in the month, so that the greater part of the Battalion is now under Major Baxter's command as a Detachment.

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"A" Company is doing the first period of Platoon Training up here, and this training is, perforce, taking the form of mountain warfare. The result is that the hillsides are strewn with our monuments in the form of half-made sangars. No doubt they will puzzle the archæological experts of the future, who, perhaps, will decide that Ranikhet was once the centre of a flourishing sheep-farming industry.

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A common form of sangar consists of an outer stone wall some four feet six inches high, with an inner wall usually a bit higher. We don't know if it is true that one of our Officers, questioned during a lecture, stated that the inner wall was built for the safe custody of the women and children. No doubt if women and children were allowed in piquets they *would* be be thrust into this inner sanctuary.

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Meanwhile "C" and "D" Companies are finding all the duties and fatigues up here, including such congenial tasks as lead-picking on the range.

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We are to move down from Ranikhet in three parties, starting on the 26th, and the whole Battalion arrives at Nowshera on 6th November.

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Our four years at Fyzabad have provided all of us with some very pleasant memories. Will we ever again have so many football and hockey grounds? such duck and crocodile shooting, or such pleasant riding country at our very doors?

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When we arrived at Fyzabad we still in some measure lacked that cohesion which makes a Battalion. Our latest Battalion report shows that we owe a lot to Fyzabad, although it was known by many as "Twiceasbad."

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The names Tikri, Pura Gumti and Jafargant will conjure up memories of pleasant field days (it is so nice to walk miles under a burning sun, over a dusty plain, carrying equipment and rifle, and after a few hours of this to advance at the double over broken ground!), open-air boxing shows, week-end duck shoots, elephant rides, and a hundred other incidents.

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Ranikhet, in spite of the burden of packing kits, loading and off-loading baggage, and all the bother of the yearly move, will have its pleasant memories too. The rink at Chaubattia, the cinema, the walk (enjoyed by Officers and Orderly Corporals) from the Officers' quarters to Pinnacle Point, the golf course at Upat, Chakor and pleasant shoots, athletic triumphs, hill romances, will all provide food for old soldiers' tales in canteen and mess.

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We would have liked one more cold weather in Fyzabad, so that we could have taken leave of all our friends there in a fitting manner, but it was ordered otherwise.

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However, if rumour is correct, Battalion Headquarters and "B" Company are not leaving Fyzabad unsung or songless.

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So much for retrospect.

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Nowshera holds out the prospect of much intensive training; an atmosphere of perpetual preparedness for war, the adaptation of our ideas on tactics to mountain warfare conditions; new things to learn; new fields to compete in at athletics, boxing and polo; cunning loose-walahs to be outwitted; "nervous chowkidars" to be respected. There is infinite variety.

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To return to vulgar facts. Major Foster, Mr. Ingledew and Mr. Tarleton have all returned from leave home, looking very well and robust. We haven't seen them, but we feel that this must be so. Of course Major Foster may be looking haggard and hollow-chested, Mr. Ingledew may be suffering in silence from dormant apoplexy, and Mr. Tarleton may be a martyr to premature gout, but we trust not. Needless to say, we are very glad to have them back, and we hope that they all had a very enjoyable leave.

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Capt. Hogshaw, Mr. Martin and Mr. Surtees all met on leave at Bhim Tal, where they fished and idled amongst its bleak, black rocks.

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Mr. Martin and Mr. Surtees went on from there to Naini Tal, where, with Mr. Bull, R.A., they played in the Naini Polo Tournament. They put up a brave show. Every morning they might be seen with their string of twelve ponies and soldier-groom at exercise along the road which circumscribes the lake,

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Apart from this morning parade, they were beaten in the semi-finals by the winning team (handicap 9). The final score was 10—5. Our team, "The Mugwumps," drew a bye in the first round. There *were* only three rounds.

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However, we are told that they really did acquit themselves well. We commend them for their enterprise.

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Mr. Grimley has just returned from leave in Chota Nagpur. His racing stud was left behind to compete in the races. Though these took place a week ago, he has had no telegrams of congratulation. He assures us that the good news is being kept as a pleasant surprise, and that his first intimation of victory will be the arrival of the Cups already engraved.

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Major Critchley-Salmonson set out on "a safari" into the wilds of Kumaon, with a retinue of some scores of coolies. His

tiffin basket, which we are credibly informed weighs two maunds, headed the procession, and was borne with that reverence which was accorded to the Ark of Scriptural fame.

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Unfortunately after five days in the vain pursuit of the elusive fauna, he succumbed to paralysis of the left arm and was forced to return to Ranikhet, after causing considerable alarm and despondency by totally vanishing from human ken for 48 hours. Cars scoured the country for him in vain. However, he was at last discovered, pale but cheerful, on some "cold hillside," in the throes of semi-starvation, which was only staved off by a meagre lunch of Fortnum and Mason's *hors d'œuvre*, followed by a savoury of aspirin.

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Although it has pleased us to jest, we are really very sorry for him, and we hope that his next shooting expedition in India will be a pleasanter experience for him.

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Capt. Edgeworth-Johnstone has been unfortunate in another attack of pleurisy. We are glad to see him up and about again.

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We were deeply grieved to hear of the death, from heart failure, of Sir John Bucknill, High Court Judge of Patua, and an old friend of ours. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lady Bucknill and her two daughters.

Our musketry this year shows an improvement on last year. Full details will be given when we are settled in at Nowshera.

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We were very pleased and proud to read, in last month's *Gazette*, the details of the triumph of the 1st Bn. in the Scottish Command and the Northern Ireland District Athletic Championships.

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Alma Barracks Cross-Country Race.

This was run in Ranikhet on 30th September, over a three mile course. Some 200 enthusiasts from "E" Divisional Signals, the five Companies of the Fifth, the Duke of Cornwall's L.I. Detachment, and The Welch Regt. Detachment lining up at the start.

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The field thinned out rapidly at the beginning, as the first 500 yards was run up a steep hill with a slope of 1 in 2, or at least so it appeared to the agonised eyes of the writer, who had been foolish enough to indulge in this form of sport.

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"C" Company of the Fifth, however, managed to keep most of their men together during this ordeal, and during the remainder of the race, which was all downhill, thus taking a large proportion of the first forty places. They did not, however obtain any of the first three places, the honours falling to Sig. Denyer, "E" Div. Signals, Lce.-Cpl. Brassett, D.C.L.I., and Fus. Venables, "A" Coy., 5th Fus., respectively.

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Five minutes after the arrival of the first man, the pen was closed, the result being as follows:—

1st, "C" Coy., 5th Fusiliers ..	..	1,435 pts.
2nd, "A" Coy., 5th Fusiliers ..	..	1,194 ,,
3rd, D.C.L.I. Detachment ..	..	868 ,,

The winners thus retained their excellent record, not having been beaten for fifteen years.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Fyzabad,
18th October, 1926.

The general dislocation referred to in the last Battalion notes contributed largely for our portion being conspicuous by their absence.

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However, things have more or less settled down to the usual phase of life in Fyzabad, so we make our re-appearance not one whit abashed at having failed our readers last month, confident that our readers will class the above excuse as "good enough."

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The majority of the members are, of course, at Ranikhet, and therefore very little happens here which is really worth noting.

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The Mess itself reminds one of the near approach of our departure from this haven of peace and quietness, and piles upon piles of boxes labelled "Nowshera" greet our eyes from every corner.

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In spite of all, we manage to get a certain degree of comfort which even such a home "shorn of its glory and trappings"

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can give, and our small numbers have been augmented by the arrival of the Advance Party of the 1st Royal Berks, which had its sprinkling of members. To these we extend a hearty welcome in our midst, and such comfort as may be found in our dismantled home.

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Our very hearty congratulations to R.S.M. and Mrs. Brockelsby on becoming proud parents by the gift of a baby girlie. To the sorrow of the members, the married ones especially, "Florence Elizabeth" is in Lincolnshire, so no comments can be passed as to whether she favours her "Dad" or her "Mum." However, we hope soon to see through the medium of the photographer which of her proud parents she favours in looks.

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Sergt. and Mrs. Hunter have also received the gift of a little "Sergeant-Major," and to them also we tender our congratulations.

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We also congratulate the following on their promotion or appointments:—

C.Q.M.S. "Jim" Pollard on his promotion to Warrant rank, and Sergt. Hamilton, better known as "Bud," to the appointment of A/Clr.-Sgt.; Lce.-Sergts. Beatty, Springate and Wasse on attaining full rank; and Cpls. Doy, Young and Boon to the appointment of Lce.-Sergeants. To the three latter we tender a hearty welcome on their entrance to the Mess.

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This trooping season we have, or are losing, a few more members. C.S.M. Hodsell, referred to in our last notes, has already left us after completing 18 years, and has now arrived at New Zealand, which country he had decided to transfer his affections to for a few years. To him and Mrs. Hodsell we offer our good wishes and success in their new venture.

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Another member who came out with the Bn. in 1919 has recently left us, in the person of Sergt. Skelton. He has joined the Railways out here, and is now at Lucknow on the staff of the E.I.R. Sergt. Shaw, who came to us from the A.F.I., is also leaving us, having been posted to the Home Establishment, and sails some time in November. We take this opportunity of wishing him "Good luck" and "Bon voyage," as we shall not probably see him again in India.

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Our first batch of leave Details have arrived, and our dining members were augmented a few days ago by the arrival from U.K. of C.Q.M.S. "Cot" Cunningham (as lively as ever), Sgts. Bowker and Grace, and Lce.-Sgt. Brown. All seem to have enjoyed themselves, but state that they are glad to be back amongst us again.

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Information as to the Sergeants' Mess at Nowshera is very limited, and the only consoling bit of news that we have learnt so far is that electric light reigns supreme. For that we heave a sigh of relief. Soon the days of pressure lamps, with all their little eccentricities, will have departed, and our hearts will be gladdened when we just have to press the button and enjoy a light from which no straining of eyes or tempers will be demanded.

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We gather also that there are two beautiful tennis courts at our new station, and this, we know, will gladden the feminine element of the Mess, and as the Garrison there is much larger than here at Fyzabad, Tennis Tournaments will no doubt come into their own.

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Our Advance Party, amongst whom are C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, Sergts. Higgins, Bowker and Grace, leave on the 20th of this month, so no doubt they will lighten our darkness as to our future home.

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The last mail from home brought us news—which gave us quite a shock—from C.S.M. Davis, who is on 6 months' furlough in U.K., to the effect that he had lost his little son "Freddy."

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To him and Mrs. Davis we tender our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

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The same mail also brought us news of our O.R., Q.M.S., "Tug" Willson, who has also been recuperating in the United Kingdom since last February. He informed us that he was coming back to the fold, and would arrive in India on or about the 25th October. He is, however, going straight on to Nowshera, so that we shall not see him till we arrive at our new station.

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These will be the last notes from Fyzabad. Our next notes will no doubt contain an account of Nowshera, and will be penned by our usual correspondent, who at present is with the main portion of the members enjoying the salubrious air of Ranikhet.

CORPORALS' CLUB NOTES.

The Corporals' "A" Team succeeded in winning the Alma Barracks Corporals' Club Team Billiards Competition, after a very exciting finish.

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It was left to Lce.-Cpl. Whitthread to put on the finishing touch, as with 28 points to pull up, he finished off the last game with a lead of 2 points.

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The Team Cup, presented at the close, becomes the property of the Corporals and will find a safe resting place at Nowshera.

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The Regiment were represented by Lce.-Cpl. McGuire, H.Q. Wing; Lce.-Cpl. Masterson, "B" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Turner, "A" Coy.; Lce.-Cpl. Whitthread, "A" Coy.

DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
23rd November, 1926.

Somewhere near Passchendaele, about ten years ago, a young Company Commander sat in a "pill-box" and wondered if people thought he hadn't got enough responsibility already, without giving him Subalterns of thirty-five to look after as well. Look at this one who'd just reported, for instance, and married too! Jolly sporting, of course, pretty good age thirty-five—have to see he came to no harm.

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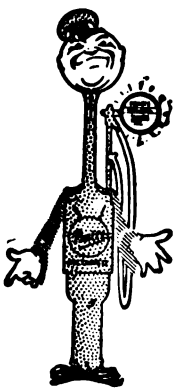

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such good care of him." The maxim "Once a Fusilier always a Fusilier," though tremendous, is also somewhat trite, but the Regiment may congratulate itself and Mr. Lambert on having a Fusilier as Lord Mayor of the county's capital!

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Lieut.-General Sir Charles Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., carried out what we fear was his last annual inspection this month. He arrived in Newcastle on Sunday, 7th, when he delivered an address in the Cathedral and then went with the Mayoral Procession to the County Memorial in Eldon Square, where a short service was held. The Memorial was guarded by detachments from the Royal Navy, 10th Field Brigade R.A., Depôt 5th Fusiliers, and Depôt Durham Light Infantry.

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At night the Commander-in-Chief and the Officers of his Staff dined with the Officers of the 5th/68th Regimental Depôt. The inspection took place next day, and the General said that he was pleased with what he had seen.

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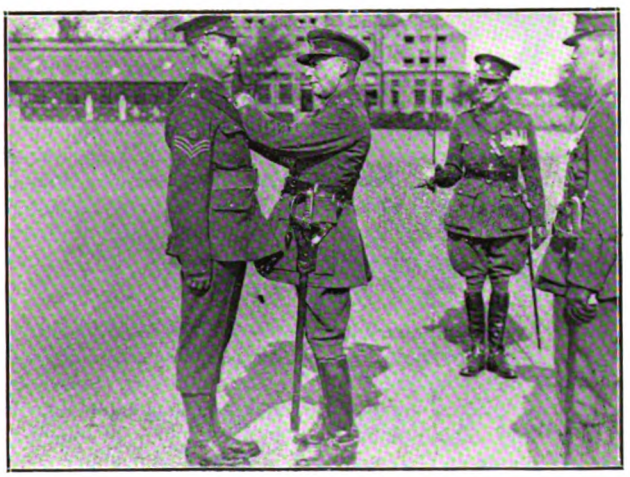
On Armistice Day, July and August Squads attended the service in the Cathedral, and the Commanding Officer laid a wreath on the last dedicated Regimental Window on behalf of the 1st and 2nd Bns. and the Depôt.



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MAJOR-GENERAL F. A. DUDGEON, C.B., PRESENTING COLOUR-SERGEANT W. CARLIN, D.C.M., WITH THE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.

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Congratulations to Colour-Sergeant W. Carlin, D.C.M., on his earning the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, which was presented to him on parade by Major-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., on the occasion of his annual inspection.

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The management of the Pavilion Theatre kindly invited a large party of men from the Garrison and ex-soldiers to a performance of the film "Mons." An act of courtesy which was greatly appreciated by all ranks.

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The Depôt, The Green Howards, challenged us to a Boxing Contest early in the month, which was held in the Garrison Gymnasium. There were nine fights. We heartily congratulate the 19th Foot on winning, and our own team on losing by the smallest possible margin of one fight, and, most heartily of all, both teams for the good sportsmanship they showed. Even in Service boxing it is a rare thing for the referee to say nothing in nine fights except "stop," "box on," and especially in a novices' competition, where one expects a certain number of mistakes to be made through inexperience. Yet such was the case throughout a whole evening of "all out" boxing. We thank Mr. Younie for refereeing so ably.

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Mr. Humphries and Mr. Crawhall, the Adjutants of the 2nd and 1st Bns. respectively, have visited us this month. One of their visits occurred on the same day, and for a few minutes they were both under the Mess roof unbeknown to either of them. Thanks partly to the exigencies of the Service, but chiefly to the crass stupidity and unbelievable foolishness of the owner of this pen, an historic incident, beside which the meeting of Wellington and Blucher after Waterloo would have been insignificant, did not take place. But isn't it funny that two Adjutants should be so close to each other and yet not feel each other's presence? You'd think some subtle sense would have drawn them together, but no! apart from their special peculiarities as Adjutants, they seem to be just like human beings, really!

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Oh! Mr. Pepys! Can that be the fountainous pen of the Duke of Nairobi that gusheth forth such an exceeding great flood of news out of the East Indies? Are not those the very periods with which the Great Man would calm His Majesty's Ministers when they pried too closely into the matter of his public appearance in the Balkans when all men believed him labouring with the savages in the tenebrous paths of Africa? Is not that the pen which could explain the dire necessity which occasionally compels a Commander on manœuvres to charter a special train for his Company, that he may circumvent and overthrow his adversaries. 'Tis passing like it!

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,
23rd November, 1926.

The month of November is one of peaceful inactivity as far as the T.A. Battalion is concerned. No doubt to the higher Command, who are simultaneously grappling with returns for the previous training season, and plans and problems as to camp and training for the forthcoming season, this is far from being the case. Signs are not wanting, however, that our slumbers are at an end, and recruits are beginning to come in with increasing frequency.

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Armistice Day was observed by Detachment Church Parades, on the Sunday preceding. The Newburn Detachment this year attended Newburn Church. After the Church Service we marched to the War Memorial, where a further short service was held and wreaths were laid. On the way back to the Drill Hall, the Detachment marched past Col. C. O. P. Gibson, who took the salute. The parade was very well attended by Officers and N.C.O.'s. A large detachment of the British Legion and the Newburn Boy Scouts were also in attendance. The Band and Drums are to be congratulated on the smartness of their turn-out and their play throughout, especially the latter, who have improved immensely during the last twelve months. The sounding of the "Last Post" by two buglers at the War Memorial was exceptionally good.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The undermentioned is the result of the games :—

233RD COMPANY *v.* 4TH NORTH'D. FUSILIERS.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

C.S.M. E. Mower	77
C.Q.M.S. G. Sparrow	75
Col.-Sgt. W. Cameron	74
C.S.M. A. McTeer	70
Sergt. J. Bell	69
Total points	365

233rd Company, 357 points.
Won by 8 points.

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BILLIARDS.

Sergt. S. Armstrong	57
Sergt. J. Rollingson	71
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	73
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
Total points	301

233rd Company, 362 points.
Lost by 61 points.

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WHIST.

Sergt. Veitch, Sergt. Mitchinson } lost by 3—2
Sergt. Cowans, Sergt. Bell } Won by 3—2
} Draw.

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9TH D.L.I. *v.* 4TH NORTH'D. FUSILIERS.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

C.S.M. E. Mower	76
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	71
Col.-Sgt. W. Cameron	74
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	68
Sergt. J. Bell	65
Total points	354

9th D.L.I., 308 points.
Lost by 14 points.

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BILLIARDS.

Sergt. S. Armstrong	60
C.S.M. L. Stuart	57
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	34
Lce.-Sgt. J. McHugh	100
Total points	251

9th D.L.I., 400 points.
Lost by 149 points.

WHIST.

Sergt. S. Veitch, Sergt. R. Cowan } lost 3—2
Sergt. R. Brown, Sergt. J. Bell } lost 3—2
} lost by 6—4

HALTWHISTLE DETACHMENT NOTES.

We regret to say that we have not been represented in those notes for some months, but we hope that, in spite of this omission, the Battalion has not entirely forgotten our existence.

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As a matter of fact we (at least our town) has been figuring rather prominently in the papers lately.

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In September there appeared a picture of a watery expanse, labelled "Haltwhistle under Water," but we hasten to assure everybody that this was an exaggeration, and that none of us met a watery end—in fact, for some of us this would be a sad termination to a life in which water has played only second fiddle to other more stimulating liquids.

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By far the most important function which has occurred since our last notes was the unveiling on Saturday, 13th November, of our War Memorial by Brigadier-General E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., who commanded the 149th Infantry Brigade during the greater part of the war. The weather, unfortunately, was very bad, but we must count ourselves lucky in that it did not actually rain during the ceremony.

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As far as we ourselves were concerned, the Guard of Honour to General Riddell took up most of our attention. Although we say it ourselves, the guard was an exceedingly smart one, and we are glad to see our opinion was endorsed by General Riddell, who described it as "magnificent." He was particularly struck by the number of ex-Service men in our ranks, and we were very proud to be able to turn out a guard in which every man in the front rank was the possessor of War Medals.

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A very large number of ex-Service men also paraded at the Drill Hall and marched down to the Memorial with us under the command of Lieut. and Q.M. A. Hardgreaves, late of this Detachment.

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On occasions such as this, one's mind unconsciously looks back to the days of the war, and it was quite a revelation (particularly to the more youthful, among whom the writer must be numbered), to see so many among the ex-Service men whom one had never thought of as soldiers but who had nevertheless ungrudgingly given their services when our country needed them most.

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But the saddest, and yet the most glorious part of the ceremony, was when, after General Riddell had unveiled the Memorial, Capt. Hare read out the names of 140 men and women who gave their lives for their country. As General Riddell said, "peer and pauper died side by side," and side by side their names will live for ever on our Memorial.

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After the ceremony we marched past General Riddell on the way to the Drill Hall, where we were entertained to tea by the War Memorial Committee.

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Last, but not least, we must give a word of praise to Fus. Newell, our bugler, who blew the calls at the Ceremony like a veteran bugler. We in Haltwhistle need no "imported" buglers ! !

PRUDHOE DETACHMENT NOTES.

Unfortunately the "Guards" were not represented at the recent week-end course at Harrogate, otherwise . . . ?

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Anyhow we attended two Church Parades round about Armistice Day.

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On Sunday, 7th November, we proceeded to Ovingham to attend the Church Parade there, organised by the British Legion, two Officers and twenty-four other ranks parading.

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The following Sunday we held our own Church Parade, at Prudhoe Parish Church, the strength of the Parade being two Officers, thirty-three other ranks, twenty-five members of the Prudhoe Band and thirty-five members of the newly-formed Prudhoe branch of the British Legion. Can Newburn beat that ? A Church Parade on two consecutive Sundays, attended by a total of seventy-nine members of one Company ! Of course there are other matters which one might mention, proving certain people's opinions of the "Guards," but it would be as well to leave these alone.

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The newly-formed Rifle Club is steadily progressing, but naturally the mention of subscriptions at the present falls on deaf ears.

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Apart from the above the "hard-faced Fusiliers" are inactive at the moment.

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In passing one hopes that the "Corpulent Vampire" is indenting for large supplies of boots and trousers for 1927.

6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
30th November, 1926.

This month the Drill Hall has been occupied by a "Better Housing Exhibition," so there has been very little doing in the training line, although we understand that O.C. "D" Coy. has been having a section leaders' course to fill up the gap caused by the coal strike.

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The Exhibition has had one satisfactory feature, as far as we are concerned, in that we had the benefit of the Band of the Grenadier Guards for our monthly Mess Dinner, and the pleasure of entertaining their efficient Bandmaster afterwards.

Guests at Mess included Col. E. Robinson, C.B.E. (Tyne Electrical Engineers), Lt.-Col. Sir Alexander Leith, M.C., Messrs. Earle and Crawhall (1st Bn.), and others.

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The Sergeants held a successful Dance at the Brighton Assembly Rooms on the 12th November, 1926. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Rogers, Major Wilkinson, Capt. Bell and Mr. France put in an appearance and danced with much vigour.

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The Sergeants also held their Armistice Smoker in the Sergeants' Mess on the 13th November, and there was a very good beat up and much talent was shown.

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Our Football Team has been chosen to represent the Brigade in the 50th Division Cup and has had the luck to draw a bye in the first round. They play the 73rd Brigade R.A. on 4th December on the Brigade Ground at Byker. Good luck to them !

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The team also entered for the Northern Amateur Cup, but were beaten by 5 to 1 by Wallsend Reserves on 14th November.

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We have pleasure in welcoming into the Battalion, Mr. J. A. Crisp, late cadet, Oundle School O.T.C., and we understand he is posted to "D" Coy. as from 27th October, 1926. The son of an Admiral, we can wish him nothing better than that he should emulate the achievements of his father in the Senior Service.

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Hearty congratulations to Mr. Wilson on obtaining his County Rugger Cap, and on his election as Captain of the Northern R.F.C., our premier club here in the best sense of the word.

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Congratulations also to Mr. France and Mr. Field on representing the County at hockey.

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Mr. Criddle has been transferred to H.Q. Coy. from "A" Coy., and thus joins that happy band of pilgrims who practice efficiency with the minimum of effort and achieve fame by unabashed effrontery (P.R.I.'s, Q.M.'s, and all other indispensables excepted).

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We are very glad to have to record that last year (1925) cadets from the 1st Cadet Bn., North'd. Fusiliers (Lt.-Col. G. S. Clayton, D.S.O., Commanding) were recruited into various branches of His Majesty's Forces, as follows :—

Royal Navy	5
Regular Army	2
R.A.F.	1
Territorial Army	16
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This is as it should be and shows that our Cadet Battalion, which we are proud to have affiliated to us, is being imbued with the right spirit.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,

23rd November, 1926.

We have very little of interest to report this month. Having finished our "financial" year by paying out the Bounties, we are now gathering ourselves for the spring offensive.

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There are rumours of some Battalion Tactical Week-ends for Officers and N.C.O.'s materialising, and we hope that funds will permit of many of these before next Camp. The benefit derived from one of these is surely cheaply bought.

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The Alnwick Detachment is emulating Berwick as regards Badminton—a Club having been started in the Drill Hall this month. We can only hope that this Club will very soon become as successful as the Berwick one.

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A Billiard Handicap is in full swing at Alnwick also, and it is surprising how many "dark horses" have come to light. The Detachment's Billiard Team is holding its own in the League.

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"A" Coy. (Morpeth), with the Battalion Band, paraded to the Parish Church at Morpeth on Sunday, the 7th November, for an Armistice Service. The Town Dignitaries—Mayor and Corporation—together with the Boys' Brigade and Boy Scouts, turned out in full force, and after the Service in the Church a procession was formed and, with the town clergy, marched to the Cenotaph, where Colonel Wright laid a wreath on behalf of the Company to the memory of fallen comrades. The various public bodies did likewise.

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Besides the Colonel, the Adjutant, Captain R. Trenam, M.B.E., M.C., and Capt. Watson, of "B" Coy., turned out. It is thought that the latter attended chiefly to see what a parade attended by the Mayor and Corporation looked like, since the Ashington Council will not attend any such functions.

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On Mayor's Sunday, Colonel Wright and the Officers and some of the N.C.O.'s of "A" Coy. walked with the Mayor and Corporation to church.

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Capt. Dargie, M.C., and Sergt. Dodds, of the Transport, have just returned from a course of equitation at Woolwich, which they both seem to have enjoyed.

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"A" Coy. is holding a N.C.O.'s Promotion Class this winter, and so far the results appear to be excellent.

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To-day's strength—Other Ranks, 595.

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NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Major-General Sir Percival Wilkinson, the Colonel of the Regiment, presided over a large and enthusiastic gathering at the Annual Dinner of the Old Comrades' Association, which was held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, London, on the evening of Armistice Day, 11th November, 1926. Upwards of 160 members and guests sat down to an excellent dinner, during which Glenister's London Band performed a well-chosen programme of music which had been arranged by Mr. A. May (late 1st Bn.) and which included a cornet solo splendidly rendered by Mr. A. Richardson (late 1st Bn.). A large number of former Officers and their wives were present, the majority of whom were members ; and the guests included Prebendary L. J. Percival (brother of the late Colonel Percival) and Mrs. Percival, and Q.M.S. J. Wardle (Depôt). Among the new members present were Capt. W. H. Foy (late 3rd and 12th Bns.) and Mrs. Foy, and Mrs. Wallace (widow of the late Bandmaster Wallace). R.S.M. G. Redhead officiated with his usual sonorous efficiency as Toastmaster ; and after the Silent Tribute and the Loyal Toasts, General Yatman proposed the toast of "The Regiment," which was responded to by General Sir Percival Wilkinson and by Lt.-Col. E. B. Gordon. General Wilkinson dwelt upon the doings of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and plainly indicated that all was well with the old Regiment.

Lt.-Col. C. P. Hawkes (President) then proposed "The Association," and dealt in his speech with the continued progress of the O.C.A., its increased membership, and the active steps being taken to bring Old Fusiliers more closely into touch with it. The responses to the toast were made by M. W. Lees (Vice-President), who gave an interesting account of his recent tour in Canada for the British Legion, and of the Old Fusiliers whom he met in the Dominion ; and by the zealous and indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. I. Morgan. Mr. A. W. Robinson then toasted "The Ladies" in an amusing speech, gracefully and neatly replied to by Mrs. W. H. Matthews ; after which Brigadier-General the Hon. C. Lambton proposed "The Guests," for whom Prebendary Percival replied with some touching and beautifully-worded remarks on the spirit and traditions of the Regiment.

During the evening General Sir Percival Wilkinson announced that he had sent the following telegram :—

> "To Lord Stamfordham.—Old Comrades' Association, Northumberland Fusiliers, at their 4th Annual Dinner, beg that their loyal and humble greetings may be conveyed to H.M. The King."

General Wilkinson afterwards received a letter acknowledging the message in the following words :—

> "The King desires me to thank you and the members of the Northumberland Fusiliers Old Comrades' Association for the loyal message of good wishes sent by you on their behalf last night."

The arrangements were in the hands of the Dinner Committee, which consisted of Messrs. Lees, Redhead and Maydon, with Mr. J. A. Arnold as their chairman and Major W. M. Allan and Mr. H. I. Morgan as their treasurer and secretary ; and they are very heartily to be congratulated upon the entire success which attended their efforts on what was an enjoyable and memorable occasion. Over a hundred messages were received from members regretting their inability to attend for various reasons stated.

C.P.H.

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A Comparison of Pre-War and Present Rebate and Discount.

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Capt. D. S. Lindsay	„ 5/27	Capt. C. J. Gatehouse	„ 12/27
Lieut. M. N. E. Macmullan	„ 5/27	Capt. R. F. Watson	„ 12/27
Lieut. F. G. H. Parsons	„ 5/27	Major W. Platt	„ 12/27
Capt. E. G. Pemberton	„ 5/27	Lt. and Q.M. F. J. Maynard	„ 12/27
Lieut. R. C. Stockley	„ 5/27	Col. E. B. Gordon	„ 12/27
Lieut. R. R. Whelan	„ 5/27	Mr. S. J. Garrett	„ 12/27
Lieut. R. N. Yorke	„ 5/27	Air-Commodore J. Bonham-Carter	„ 12/27
Lieut. H. A. Ingledew	„ 5/27	Mrs. Seth-Smith	„ 1/28
Col. G. A. Pagan	„ 6/27	Pres., Sgts.' Mess, 4th Bn.	*Bound Vols.*
Lt.-Col. H. W. Archer	„ 6/27	Lt. G. Bolster	*Bound Vols.*
Capt. T. C. L. Redwood	„ 7/27	P.R.I., 1st Bn.	*Gazettes*
Capt. H. O. Sutherland	„ 8/27	P.R.I., Depot	*Gazettes*
Major the Hon. H. Robson	„ 8/27	Q.M.S. F. S. Davis	*Gazettes*
J. F. Simpson, Esq.	„ 8/27		

EXTRACTS from *The London Gazette* :—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. T. J. Carroll-Leahy, D.S.O., M.C., is restored to establishment (dated 10th November); Lieut. W. P. Jones is secd. for service under Colonial Office (dated 24th November).

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REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFIERS.

Capt. E. G. Bowers, M.C., resigns his commission (dated 27th October).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

4th Bn.—Lieut. J. W. McL. Anderson resigns his commission (dated 16th Dec.).

7th Bn.—Capt. A. J. K. Todd, late 2nd D.G. (Spec. Res.), to be Captain (dated 8th December).

7th Bn.—Capt. T. Appleby, having attained the age limit, relinquishes his commission and retains his rank (dated 8th December).

Mr. P. O'Toole, late Colour-Sergeant, 5th Fusiliers, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, with an annuity of £10.

RETROSPECT, 1926.

The present writer of the Retrospect never having written one before, began his task by making a survey of the doings of the Regiment during the past year, and then he did what is perhaps a very natural thing to do—read the Retrospect for 1925. He there found the closing words to be as follows :—

> " The past equally with the present can find reason for satisfaction in 1925, and it is felt that all may look with confidence to the coming year to bring fresh honour to the name of the Regiment."

Here, then, is the keynote for the writing of the Retrospect for 1926, and now, at the close of another year in the life of the FIFTH, the time has come when we should look back down the months of 1926 and, so to speak, take count of our stewardship.

What, we may ask ourselves, has been the contribution of the present generation during these twelve comparatively uneventful months to the name and traditions of our old Regiment ? Have these traditions been upheld by us in a manner worthy of our predecessors who built them up for us, and who from time to time so generously subscribed to them ? and have we individually and collectively made an adequate contribution in effort such as is likely to enhance them ? " To do nothing," we are told, " is to do something definitely wrong." Has the Regiment, then, made real progress during 1926, or has it just stood still ? These are only two or three of the questions which we might well ask ourselves at the end of a year of the Regiment's life.

The pages of any regimental history will reveal the fact that the historian dwells almost entirely on the many war experiences of the particular unit of which he is writing. Memorable occasions on which the Regiment has earned undying fame are given due and fitting prominence, and deeds of valour of individuals whose names will live down the ages of the Regiment's life are rightly dwelt upon in such a way that they stand out as everlasting examples to succeeding generations, who may so be proud to think of themselves as members of the same old Regiment and strive to emulate their examples.

All of which is, of course, very natural and very proper, for of what is the very essence of a Regiment's, or of the Army's, purpose in life if it be not to fight when called upon ? and what could be better calculated to assist in inspiring the necessary fighting spirit than a proper education and pride in the past deeds of valour of the Regiment ?

And yet a recital of deeds of gallantry, cheerful endurance of hardship, engagements skillfully and daringly conceived and carried out, however glowing the tale, can hardly be considered as the all-in-all of our military education or of our preparedness for war. So it is, therefore, that in reading our regimental history we must pause to reflect also upon those years of peace which, perhaps, make up the greater part of the Regiment's life and which are nevertheless only lightly touched upon by the historian. These are the years during which our efficiency has to be maintained and increased, and the old traditions must be fostered in such a way that, though generations may have passed since the last war, the battalions may yet be ready at any time to take the field, well satisfied as to their morale, efficiency, and untarnished reputation, and in a fit and proper condition to take up the tale of valour where an earlier generation left off.

As far as its place in the life history of the Regiment is concerned, 1926 may be written down as a year of quiet and steady soldiering, and we may content ourselves with the reflection that in all Units, Regular and Territorial alike, all is well, and progress has been made. The great industrial upheaval, so patiently borne by the people of the country for over half of the year, cast its shadow, to a certain extent, over the home battalions, and also over the Territorial battalions. The words " to a certain extent " are used advisedly, for the 1st Battalion, though moved at three hours' notice from the station in which it had only just settled down, and though forced to exchange the prospect of a profitable and pleasant summer of training and sport for a less congenial, more cramped, and more monotonous existence for a period of five and a half months, must yet be thankful that it was not actually called upon to carry out any tasks of repression in aid of the civil power.

The Territorial Battalions were hit because the funds which should have gone towards the expenses of their annual camps had to be diverted to other channels to meet the needs of the strike situation. Their disappointment was great, for they naturally look upon their annual camp as the time when they reap the reward of many nights' work in the Drill Hall. They were therefore obliged to substitute week-end camps, and the fact that such a large number attended these camps is only one of the many evidences of the keenness and enthusiasm prevailing in the Territorial Units of the Regiment.

Although something of the same kind has been said in the Retrospects of the last few years, there is nothing trite in the remark that the bonds uniting the Regular and Territorial Battalions grow stronger each year. Ample evidence of the spirit of unity existing between the various battalions of the Regiment, and in particular of the close liason between the Depôt and the Territorial Battalions, is to be found in the back numbers of the *Gazette* for 1926.

The writer read an article a little while ago, in which a discussion arose out of the words *Regular* and *Territorial* ; one party, on the grounds that the distinction in nomenclature was invidious and misleading, wished to abolish the two titles because he wanted it to be emphasised above all that there was one, and only one, Army which might be divided into two categories :—

(1) Those who devote all their time to soldiering.

(2) Those whose main work is in some other profession and who only soldier in their spare time.

The other party was very definitely in favour of the retention of the designation " Territorial " on the grounds that the bedrock on which the Territorial Army rested was the " territorial " nature of its Units, *i.e.* the fact that they were recruited from, and largely belonged to, the one district. In favour of this argument it was also observed that many Territorial Units are very old and have tremendous *esprit de corps*. Whatever the pros and cons of these arguments may be, and whatever might be our respective designations in the future, it is not easy to imagine any change in title affecting the FIFTH to any great extent, for year by year the conviction grows stronger that, as

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far as the outlook of all Battalions is concerned, there is for them, above all, one Regiment, and one only ; and if, indeed, there is a distinction to be drawn between those who devote all their time to soldiering and those who give up their leisure to it, then it is to the latter that we should undoubtedly take off our hats.

Among the Officers of the Regiment change has been at work. Lt.-Colonels Athill, Rushbrooke and Owen, and Captains English and Steele have retired from the Service. Apart from the Officers actually present with the Battalions, with Colonel Sandilands at the Senior Officers' School, Major Garnier at the War Office, Capt. Sutherland at Hythe, and Capt. Dorman-Smith at Sandhurst, the FIFTH is doing its fair share of bringing up the Army, at the various stages of its career, in the way in which it should walk. The stay of the last-named at the R.M.C. is drawing to its close, for he has earned our congratulations by passing into the Staff College, second in place amongst the Infantry candidates, at his first attempt. Our African contingent has been reinforced of late by Mr. Jones.

Perhaps one of the most satisfactory features of 1926 has been the strengthening of the weakest link in both Battalions—*i.e.* the improvement in their musketry. Both Battalions show greatly improved results this year, and it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when we shall be able to take our place in the front rank as regards shooting. Apart from the necessary military knowledge, only one thing is required to achieve this result, and that is the right amount of enthusiasm. Good musketry results, like good boxing or good athletic results, do not grow at the wayside for anyone to pick up, but can only be acquired as the reward of enthusiasm and hard work.

Recruiting for the Regiment continues to be good, and it is satisfactory to know that when the drafting season is over the home Battalion will start the year seven hundred strong. There is even a rumour that we are in the happy position of being about to impose a height standard of 5 ft. 9 ins. for the next squad forming at the Depôt.

Turning to sport, satisfaction is to be found in reading the record of the Regiment's achievements during the past year. In boxing both Battalions stand high in their respective parts of the world. In athletics, too, we are pre-eminent, and though the 1st Battalion, in winning the Rhine Army Championship in 1925, Northern Ireland District Championship in 1926, and in displaying its superiority in the Scottish Command Meeting, presents a formidable record, a study of the performances recorded by the 2nd Battalion goes to show that a contest between the two would be well worth seeing.

In other forms of sport a happy state of affairs exists, and when we are not winners we are as often as not runners-up, as in the case of the 2nd Battalion in the Murray Cup, all of which proves that the standard all round is high.

This year, also, the Regiment has been represented for the first time since the war at the Royal Tournament, by the two Tug-of-War Teams of the 1st Bn. (one light and one heavy), who competed there by virtue of being champions of their Command, and although they did not win when they got there, it is another step in the right direction, and we have hopes of seeing them there again in 1927.

Furthermore, quite apart from the achievements of Regimental teams, it is very satisfactory to read in the pages of the *Gazette* of the keenness and high standard reached in the numerous inter-platoon and inter-company competitions in all forms of sport. This is as it should be, for it is not in keeping with present-day ideas of sport in the Army that a regiment should be able to produce merely a bare team of gladiators in each branch of sport. Nowadays the N.C.O.'s and men in the FIFTH who fail to represent their company or platoon in any kind of sport, whether it is boxing, athletics, cross-country running, football, hockey, cricket, etc., are very few indeed.

With their move to Nowshera, the 2nd Bn. will not have the opportunities or facilities for polo which existed at Fyzabad, and which they turned to such good account. In the 1st Bn. no polo is being played because none is played in their part of the world. Hunting, however, is going strong with the East Down Harriers and the County Down Stag Hounds, and their string of hunters is now something worth seeing.

In all Battalions and at the Depôt St. George's Day was celebrated with all the old-time ceremony ; and the 1st Bn. were fortunate in having the Colonel of the Regiment present with them. And yet, however well the Trooping of the Colours may be carried out, no Fusilier can refrain from wishing that even if it were only for this one day in the year, we might be permitted to wear the pre-war dress of the Regiment.

We regret to have to record the deaths of several very staunch old Fusiliers in the past year. Colonel Biddulph, who died in May, served in the FIFTH from 1867 to 1894, and after his retirement never missed an opportunity of associating himself with the Regiment, or of generously supporting its institutions. Only three weeks before his death, at the age of 76, he was assisted to the Cenotaph in London, there to join with the Old Comrades' Association in laying a St. George's Day wreath. The death of Sgt. Denis McCarthy was recorded in the same number of the Magazine. During his service he earned the Bronze Medal for Merit, and Mutiny Medal with Lucknow Clasp. Right up to his death, at the age of 87, he was a regular subscriber to the *Gazette*—a testimony at once to his love for his Regiment and to the value of the *Gazette* as a medium through which all past and present members of the Regiment are enabled to keep in touch with one another. Later in the year Sgt. Dryden, another fine old soldier, was lost to us. His medals included two Soudan, one South African, three for the Great War, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Year by year the Old Comrades' Association gains strength, and their annual dinner in London in 1926 was a great tribute to the organisers. If any evidence is required of the spirit of unity existing amongst past members of the Regiment, it is to be found at the large attendance at this re-union, and in the many messages of good wishes received from those who, for various reasons, were unable to attend.

Once again, before this Retrospect is brought to a close, *St. George's Gazette* must be mentioned, and at the same time expression must be given of our gratitude to the Editor for another year's work in maintaining our Regimental paper. While the 1st Battalion was in Scotland on strike duty, the writer was approached by the sub-Editor of another Regimental magazine, who spoke in glowing terms of the *Gazette* and asked how it was we managed to make it a success, as his particular unit was finding difficulty in keeping a magazine going at all. As, month by month, the *Gazette* regularly makes its appearance some of us perhaps do not fully realise that a very considerable amount of work is entailed in its production, and that only a small proportion of this devolves upon the actual Battalion correspondents. We are therefore fortunate indeed in having a retired Officer of the Regiment to undertake voluntarily the work of maintaining this very essential Regimental institution which serves, as it does so well, to maintain the spirit of comradeship amongst all Fusiliers from the youngest recruit in a Regular or Territorial Battalion to the oldest retired Officer.

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Looking back, then, down the months of 1926, and surveying the life of the Regiment in all its aspects, we may safely claim to have justified the note of confidence with which we set out. Looking forward into the coming year we have no reason to feel otherwise than that the outlook is bright and that another year of progress lies before us.

E. G. P.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

BALLYKINLAR,
December, 1926.

This month the writer has been torn between a rather feeble endeavour to be punctual with the *Gazette* notes, and a desire to include some account of Christmas in the Battalion in this number. If the notes for December are to be sent in by the appointed time, then no account of Christmas festivities can make its appearance in print until February, by which time the topic has staled. If, on the other hand, the December notes are to include an account of Christmas, the account must be written under the most unfavourable circumstances—*i.e.*, just at the time when the writer is feeling thoroughly jaded and in need of a rest to recover from Christmas ——, and moreover, they must be late.

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Rightly or wrongly, we have, in order to include Christmas festivities, decided on the latter course—viz., to endeavour to face the " unfavourable circumstances," and send in the notes late. For the lateness of our contributor the indulgence of the Editor has already been solicited. For any adverse effect of the unfavourable circumstances upon this month's effort, we crave the indulgence of our readers, and ask them this question only : " Bearing in mind the various festivities in which you took part at Christmas, and their effects upon you, how would *you* have liked to write the *Gazette* notes on Boxing Day, or on the next day, *or* on the day after that ?

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The first of the annual Christmas events was the Christmas Tree. This was held in the Tynesiders' Theatre, and was a great success. A conjuring show and a Punch-and-Judy made up the first half of the entertainment. Tea followed, and after that the Christmas Tree itself. Father Christmas in person visited the children at tea, and afterwards stood by to see that everyone received presents from Mrs. Booth, who very kindly gave them away. Seen *en masse*, our rising generation are a fine, lusty lot and should in their time produce some stout Fusiliers.

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The toys, as usual, were very good, and the way in which everyone was suited reflects credit upon the discernment of Father Christmas, Major and Mrs. Booth, and Capt. and Mrs. Myers. A word, too, must be said for a small band of workers who are always in demand at any entertainment of the kind, but who do not always perhaps get their fair share of credit. We refer to Sgt. Gibbons and the pioneers, who on this occasion, as on many others, put in a lot of hard work and assisted very materially in the decorations.

After the Christmas Tree was over, the floor was cleared and a dance was held. In the absence of the Regimental Band on leave, a small band consisting of Sergt. Locke (violin), Sergt. Hobbs (cornet), Cpl. Starbuck (drum and effects), Bdsmn. Anderson (saxaphone), Fus. Linley, Lce.-Cpl. Hulse (banjo), Lce.-Cpl. Longstaff (bass), performed very capably. This band has been very much in demand at numerous dances and concerts over Christmas, and contributed very considerably to the success of all of them.

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On the following evening the Corporals gave a dance, and everyone voted it a very enjoyable and thoroughly well run show, the Corporals making excellent hosts.

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On Christmas Day itself the judges had a difficult task in awarding the prize for the best decorated dining hall. All companies produced really beautiful decorations this year, and a great deal of work and thought were given to the competition. Some N.A.A.F.I. and civilian subordinates employed permanently at Ballykinlar said they had seen many regiments here, but no decorations to touch ours of this year. In the end the prize was awarded to " Z " Company.

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On the afternoon of Christmas Day an inter-company six-a-side football competition was held. " Y " Company, having nearly everyone on leave, were unable to do themselves justice, but the weak team which did represent them gave a good account of itself. The final was won by " Z " Coy., the score being 8—0. The draw and results of the games were as follows:—

" X " Coy. and " W " Coy. → " X " Coy.
" Y " Coy. and " Z " Coy. → " Z " Coy.
" X " Coy. and " W " Coy. → " Z " Coy.

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Boxing Day this year falling on a Sunday, Monday, 27th, was observed as a holiday. In the morning an inter-platoon six-a-side football competition was held, and some fast, interesting games were seen. " Y " Coy. again were only in a position to find one team. No. 15 Platoon, " Z " Coy., were the eventual winners, and No. 5 Platoon, " X " Coy., runners-up. The draw and results of ties were as follows :—

No. 15 and No. 14 → No. 15
No. 8 and " Y " Coy. → No. 8
No. 15 and No. 8 → No. 15
No. 4 and No. 7 → No. 7
No. 15 and No. 15 → No. 15
No. 2 and No. 3 → No. 2
No. 13 and No. 16 → No. 16
No. 16 and No. 5 → No. 5
No. 1 and No. 6 → No. 1
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The names of the winning team were as follows :—Cpl. Kirby, Lce.-Cpl. Smart, Fus. Humphrey, Fus. Cornwall, Fus. Gullon, Fus. Morton ; and of the runners-up :—Lce.-Cpl. Macdonagh, Fus. Doherty, Fus. Colley, Fus. Arthur, Fus. Birch, Lce.-Cpl. Graham.

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On the evening of the same day the Minstrels gave a concert, arranged at short notice by Capt. Lindsay. An account appears later of the series of Company Concerts from which he was able to draw talent. Perhaps the most outstanding features of this concert, apart from the items reproduced from Company shows, were Capt. Lindsay's appearance as a most attractive young female, and Fus. Gilley's appearance and acting in the part of a boarding-house proprietress. Would it be casting any aspersions on Capt. Lindsay's personal beauty, if we were to remark that the fact of his being able to make himself appear so attractive should serve as a warning to the more dashing members of our younger generation, who are wont to lavish languishing glances from the front row of the stalls, or from a stage box ?

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On Christmas night the bachelor Officers entertained the married Officers and their wives to dinner in the Mess. If a personal touch from the writer, himself a married Officer, may be excused, he would like, on behalf of the married ones, to be allowed this opportunity of thanking the bachelor Officers for a really cheery Christmas night, and of complimenting them upon being such excellent hosts.

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Other Christmas festivities were other ranks' dances, and a married families' Whist Drive and Social.

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A football match between Officers and Sergeants provided the usual amount of amusement to the troops. The Sergeants' team consisted of players of 18 years and upwards. The service of members of the Officers' team varied from about five minutes to about fifteen years. The superior pace of the Officers more than counter-balanced the inferiority of their football, and they won a game in which collisions and airshots predominated, by 4 goals to 3. *One* Officer headed the ball once only, and turned a pale shade of green. The remainder either couldn't or daren't.

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This concludes the account of Christmas festivities.

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Christmas greetings and messages were received from the following :—Major-Gen. F. F. Ready, G.O.C. Northern Ireland District ; Depôt, 2nd Bn., 4th Bn., 5th Bn., 6th Bn. ; 1st Bn. W. Yorks Regt., 2nd Bn. W. Yorks Regt. ; 1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters ; 1st Bn. Welch Regt. ; Depôt D.L.I., 1st Bn. D.L.I., 2nd Bn. D.L.I. ; 2nd Bn. D.C.L.I. ; 2nd Bn. K.S.L.I. ; Depôt H.L.I. ; 64th Foot, 80th Foot ; 2nd Bn. Middlesex Regt. ; N.I.D. Signal Coy. ; R.A.F., Aldergrove ; 12th A.C. Coy. ; R.A.M.C. ; N.I.D., N.I.D. Coast Defences R.A. ; 5th Royal Ghurka Rifles ; Small Arms School ; Machine Gun School ; Sergts.' Mess, 1st Bn. ; Cpls.' Club, 1st Bn. ; Depôt Ulster Rifles ; Depôt Inniskilling and R.I. Fusiliers ; Major Auld, Air Commodore Bonham-Carter, Mr. J. O. Byrne, Col. and Mrs. Caffin, Capt. and Mrs. Buckley, Mr. C. B. Carrick, Major O. C. Downes, Major and Mrs. Flower, Major Gordon Douglas, Col. and Mrs. Girdwood, Col. and Mrs. E. B. Gordon, Major A. P. Garnier, Col. and Mrs. Hardman Jones, Miss Holland, Mrs. and Miss Harkness, Capt. Hamilton, Col. Larpent, Major Le Gallias, Col. and Mrs. Landen, Col. Money, Lt.-Col. T. H. Owen, Capt. F. L. Prickett, Col. and Mrs. R. M. Lamb, Col.-Comdt. Maxwell Scott, Capt. D. D. Rutherford, Col. Sandilands, Col. Sapte, Col. D. S. Stewart, Col. and Mrs. Somerville, Capt. M. L. Sant, Capt. T. M. Scanlan, Capt. Sutherland, Col. A. C. Temperley, Col. C. Wood, Capt. Waddilove, Major and Mrs. Williams, General and Mrs. Yatman, Rev. Hutchings.

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During the past month the series of Company Concerts was completed, concerts being given by " W," " Y " and " Z " Coys. The amount of talent displayed was quite surprising, some of the shows really surpassing previous performances of the Minstrels themselves. " Z " Coy. came first, and produced a well-balanced programme without a weak spot in it. Their best items were two well-balanced sketches, a wild P.T. show by the Flying Vagabonds, and concerted items by Cpl. Hackett, Cpl. Kendall and Fus. Warren. Their two sketches, " The Noble Art " and a Wild West blood-and-thunder cinema show, produced as a farce, were the best sketches of the series.

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The outstanding feature of " W " Company's concert, perhaps even the best item of the whole series, was the opening chorus by the Lady Kipper Kate (Fus. Gilley) and his six lovely maidens, who gave their concert a first-rate start and brought the house down. By special request they re-appeared in the second half. Other items were a P.T. show, and a sketch of an Estaminet scene taken from the war.

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" Y " Company gave a varied programme with a large caste. Fus. Malia proved to have a very agreeable voice, and the singing throughout produced some of the best voices of all the concerts. Two excellent numbers were an Irish Jig by Sgt. Duggan and three most attractive colleens (Fus. Bolam, Fus. Bell, and Lce.-Cpl. Turnbull), and a nigger band with some wonderful home-made instruments.

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The final order of merit was " Z " Coy. first, " Y " Coy. second ; H.Q. Wing third, " W " Coy. fourth. " X " Coy. did not manage to give a concert before going on leave.

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Apart from the efforts of the concert parties of the various companies, two other factors helped very considerably to make the shows a success. The first was Capt. Lindsay's skill at making up every single performer, and the second was the playing of the Regimental Dance Band.

SPORTS NOTES.

HOCKEY.

Since the last notes were written an Officers' team has played two matches against a team of Ladies of North Ireland. The first, at Ballykinlar, resulted in a win for the Officers by 3 goals to 1. As far as hockey was concerned, of course, the Ladies' team were vastly superior, but the Officers won owing to their being faster.

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In the return at Belfast the Ladies' team turned out five

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internationals and one or two budding ones, and took their revenge to the tune of 4—2.

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N.I.D. Hockey Cup.

In the semi-final we met and defeated the Depôt, Inniskilling and Royal Irish Fus., 3—0. Our team took some time to settle down, and it was not until some way into the second half that we took the upper hand. Two of our goals were scored by Mr. Kilgour from short corners. His skill at this method of scoring is such that if he fails to score from a short corner we feel that there must be something wrong !

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In the final we journeyed to Belfast to play our old rivals, the 68th. A keen, fast game was seen, the 68th being the better balanced side of the two. We pressed just as much as the 68th did, but they were happier in their efforts at putting the ball into goal. They eventually won, 3—0. In both these games Mr. Kilgour was a tower of strength at centre-half, and the amount of work he put in, helping first the forwards, then the backs, was prodigious. Fus. Usher, another half, is a very greatly improved player, and should be a useful member of the team for some years.

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Sgt. Kelly has played steady hockey at back throughout the season, and Sgt. Baker has also played some good games. The weak spot in the team is the forward line, but we feel sure that all that they require is practice together. This year, owing to courses, leave, etc., they have not had the opportunity of being very much together.

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Football.

No inter-regimental or inter-company league football has been played this month, but with the regimental team back from leave, and over half the battalion back from leave, we are making a start with inter-company leagues in the middle of January.

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In the N.I.D. Association Cup Tournament we meet R.A.S.C., N.I.D., at Ballykinlar some time during January.

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Cross Country Running.

There have been one or two voluntary runs and paper-chases, which have been moderately well attended.

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An inter-platoon cross-country run produced a field of about 120 starters. Any number of men per platoon were allowed to run, but only the first six home counted. Cups were given for the winners, and medals for the runners-up. A good race took place over 4½ miles, the 1st and 2nd platoons home being 13 and 15, respectively. "X" Coy., being on leave, were not represented.

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Hunting.

Hunting is in full swing, and more of us than ever have been out during December. Foot and mouth disease is luckily either non-existent, or else ignored, and there has been no frost.

On Boxing Day we had out our record field from the Regiment—twelve in all—the new starters being Capt. Braddell and Mr. Beckwith.

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Sport with the Harriers up to the present has not been of a very high standard, owing chiefly to the lack of rain and consequent hardness of the ground. There is, however, no scarcity of hares. A good hunt with the stag hounds, after an "outlier," took place just before Christmas.

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Whippet Club.

It is hoped to get the Regimental Whippet Club going well during the New Year. Col. Herbert has very kindly presented a Cup to be competed for by puppies born in the Regiment; and Mr. Carr-Ellison has presented a Challenge Cup for an open handicap race. In order that dogs and owners may be in good trim to compete for these two prizes, weekly sweepstakes are being arranged for every Saturday afternoon, beginning on New Year's Day.

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These notes are getting later and later, and we therefore bring them to a close quick-quick, but not without congratulating Mr. Holdsworth-Hunt on passing the written portion of his promotion exam.

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We very much regret that we omitted, until too late, to obtain details of the record of service of R.Q.M.S. Ambury, who left us for discharge during the month. When application for these details was made at the Orderly Room it was found that his attestation had already been despatched to Records. We hope to remedy this defect next month, and meanwhile wish R.Q.M.S. Ambury and his family the very best of good luck on their return to civil life.

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It only remains now to publish the solution of our last month's acrostic, just in case anybody has made an attempt to solve it. We like to think that, even if nobody else had been interested, it may have amused Major Critchley-Salmonson, and consoled him, in some small measure, for the abrupt termination of his expedition on safari.

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The acrostic is republished, together with its solution.

ACROSTIC No. 1.

A kind of stoppage, not of trains or coal,
Yet one we sometimes pay for as a whole.

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1. Behead "curtailed," and if you've got it right
   A famous Fusilier comes into sight.

2. A building with an oriental name;
   Palace or theatre, 'tis just the same.

3. A paradox, it seems, this light contains;
   The whole is not the whole, but what remains.

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4. Not rounder, certainly, and yet it's round ;
The words alone are different, not the sound.

5. He hails from Egypt's land of smells and sun ;
Behead, curtail, reverse him, then it's done.

6. The whole's a vessel—think for half a minute—
Behead it twice, you'll find a girl's name in it.

7. This man's related to you, but, poor wight,
He's got to be cut off to get it right.

SOLUTION.

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R O T U N D A
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C H A L I C E
K I N S (MAN)

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

December, 1926.

A happy and bright New Year to all members, past and present.

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Since our last issue some important events took place.

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On 27th November our Saturday Night Dance was marked as a special occasion on the departure of R.Q.M.S. Ambury.

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During the evening he was presented with a watch as a token on behalf of the members of the Mess.

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At the presentation R.S.M. Rowsell paid a high tribute to the excellent career of R.Q.M.S. Ambury as a soldier of the FIFTH.

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In reply, R.Q.M.S. Ambury expressed his sorrow on having to leave a great Regiment which he loved so much and exhorted us to remember our duties in upholding its traditions.

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We bid him good-bye and wish him every success and happiness in his new sphere of life.

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On the 11th of December a committee of ladies, organised by Mrs. Rowsell and Mrs. Windram, entertained us to a very enjoyable evening in the Mess.

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Great credit was due to this committee for the way in which the show was carried out. Refreshments, etc., provided were excellent.

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Prizes were provided for the lucky fellows who could "Pick out the lady by the colour of her stockings"—this proved a more difficult task than was at first anticipated, and only those who purchased the stockings were successful.

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During the course of the evening the Sergt.-Master Cook (Staker) was presented with a wooden sword by Mrs. Capstaff. We hear that he has made good use of it at the goose-killing for Christmas.

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We welcome Sergt. Reardon, who joined from Depôt on 19th November, 1926.

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We regret having lost Sergt. Peppiatt, who proceeded to Depôt for tour of duty on 14th December, 1926. We will miss him very much on the sports field, where he showed his abilities as an all-round sportsman.

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Our congratulations are extended to C.S.M. Rowsell on promotion to W.O. Class I., C.S.M. Capstaff on appointment to R.Q.M.S., and Sergt. Ratliff promoted C.S.M.

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Also to the following members, who have been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal :—R.Q.M.S. Capstaff, C.S.M. Ratliff and Sergt. Murphy.

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We wish good luck and prosperity to C.S.M. Wisdom, who departed to civil life from a vocational course on the 21st November, 1926.

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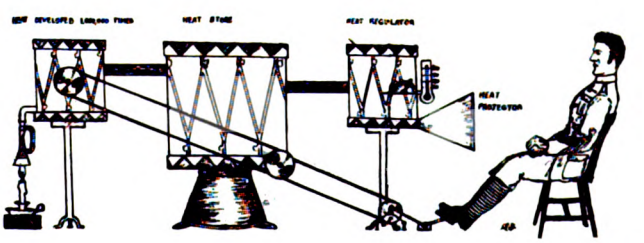
The Drum Major has for the past few months been working overtime to solve the problem of supplying heat without a stove. Here are the results of his labour :—



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C.S.M. Mellors proceeded on a course of poultry farming on the 1st December, 1926. Good luck, Steve, the job is "as sweet as ten nuts."

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There are a few other events of which full details will be published in our next issue.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

December, 1926.

By the time these notes appear in print, "Father Time" will have turned the "glass" once again, and we wish that

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1927 will be a year of Happiness and Prosperity to all our readers and all members, past and present.

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A billiard tournament was held during the month, and proved to be a great success.

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There were 51 entries, and throughout the tournament these were very close games.

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Lce.-Cpl. Haynes met Lce.-Cpl. Graham in the final, and after a good game Lce.-Cpl. Graham gained the victory.

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The first prize was a billiard cue and case, which was presented to the winner, and a billiard cue was presented to Lce.-Cpl. Haynes as runner-up.

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The " Leave season " is now in full swing, and many of our members are enjoying their " well earned " month.

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Three of our enterprising members chose Belfast as their playground for leave.

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Three weeks' play they had and returned to our midst.

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We are pleased to hear that they would rather spend Christmas in the " fold " than elsewhere.

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Christmas is near, and we have decided to hold a Whist Drive and Dance.

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Our Entertainment President is working with a will towards success.

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This fact is well emphasised by the arrival of large parcels from a well-known firm trading in threepenny and sixpenny goods.

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Three hundred balloons to cost not more than 5s., was the request of this enterprising member.

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We are pleased to hear that the shop-girl suffered nothing more than a slight shock.

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I need not add that our President is a Scotchman.

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A hearty welcome is extended from the " fold " to Lce.-Cpls. McHale, O'Hara, Townsley and Fairhurst, on their appointment to this rank.

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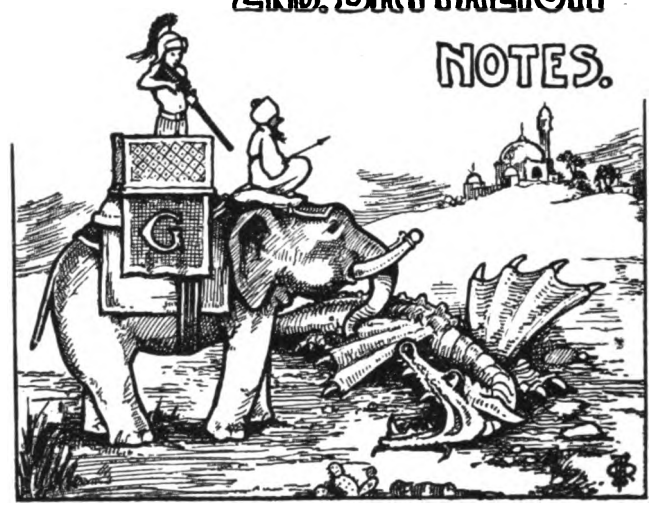
Congratulations to Cpls. Terry and Woods on their promotion to Corporal.

" HUTTIE."

2ND. BATTALION NOTES.



NOWSHERA, N.W.F.P.,

19th November, 1926.

The Battalion arrived at Nowshera at 4 a.m. on 6th November. Of our move we will only say that seldom, even in India, have better arrangements been made to ensure complete discomfort combined with economy.

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Baggage arrived at varying and uncertain hours during the following days, wagons having been detached from the train at varying stations *en route*.

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We wonder who is Milrail? Is he perchance the Officer with the tenor voice for whom Simla was advertising this summer, and who dabbles in moves in the intervals of his singing duties?

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The Advance Party had arrived a fortnight earlier, and had been joined by Major Foster and Capt. Plummer direct from leave in England.

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We cannot quit the subject of our move without mentioning the kindness and hospitality with which we were received by the Regiment we relieved, the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders.

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Everything that could be done had been thought of, even to feeding, free of charge, the entire Battalion, Officers, Other Ranks, and families, at Nowshera railway station on our arrival.

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The 2nd Seaforth Highlanders left the next day by march route for Lahore: we hope they have had a pleasant march, and only regret that we were unable to do more for them.

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Nowshera is much changed from the days when the Battalion was in this neighbourhood in the 'nineties.

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Gone are the good Nowshera Barracks, now occupied by the Gunners, and the Battalion is housed in cramped tin-roofed

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lines about a mile outside, in the almost treeless desert, locally known as "tin town."

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As we look around, and remember our Fyzabad barracks, we envy the local convict, comfortably housed in Fyzabad jail.

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We also meet here the Army Canteen Board, India, for the first time. We understand that the amount of National hospitality now being shown to its late managers is causing serious anxiety to the Government. It is, however, said to be on its last legs; but what is to succeed it we do not know—it seems too good to be true that we shall be allowed to run our own show.

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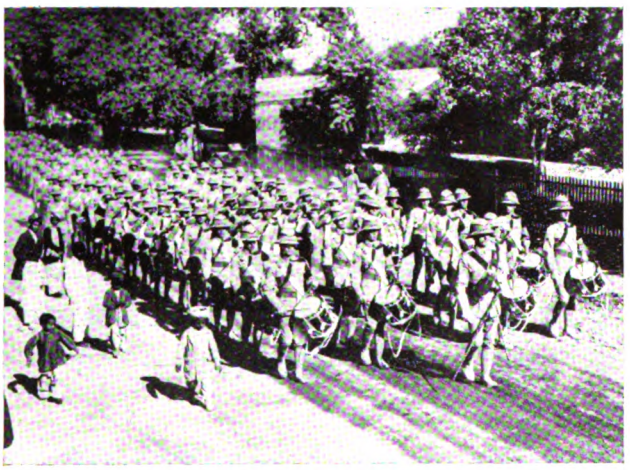
Lastly, there is TRAINING. If the year could be stretched to eighteen months, and the day to thirty hours, time would still be short. However, the ground for this is at our doors: there is an excellent rifle range, also quite close, and the bugbear



of crops and damages, usually such a nuisance, is here non-existent, and the local authorities are most helpful.

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According to the present programme, the Machine Gun Platoon goes to Akora, the artillery practice camp, in December. Capt. Hogshaw is taking on the duties of Brigade Machine Gun Officer.

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The Battalion is going to camp at Manki, some six miles away, early in January, followed by a brigade camp at Rustam, about 35 miles away on the border, later in the month, and inter-brigade manœuvres with the Peshawar Brigade to follow.

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Major-General Cassels, commanding the district, inspected the Battalion on 13th November, expressed his satisfaction with what he saw: he impressed upon us the importance of getting on with mountain warfare training.

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Football and hockey grounds are rather a problem: the surrounding ground is a rocky waste, on which it is most difficult to make a satisfactory ground.

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2nd-Lieut. Brewster, Indian Army Unattached List, joined the Battalion just before the move; 2nd-Lieut. Bradford is due to arrive shortly, and Major Carroll-Leahy is expected about Christmas. We are, however, already beginning to lose Officers: Lieut. Clifford is attached to the Gunners; Lieut. Collingwood to R.A.F., and later to Brigade H.Q.

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O.R.Q.M.S. Willson, C.Q.M.S. Cunningham, Sgts. Bowker, Grace, and Lce.-Sgt. Brown have all rejoined from leave in England.

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We feel that an apology is due to the Editor for the shortness of these notes, but hope to have a better supply of news by next month.

CORPORALS' CLUB,
NOWSHERA,
22nd November, 1926.

The move from Fyzabad has been accomplished.

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Of the journey, perhaps the less said the better. Having arrived, we must settle down as best we can and await events.

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It is quite obvious that the housing shortage is not confined to Great Britain. True, we have a room wherein to relax after the rigours of training—quite a nice room; but those who hope for peace and the atmosphere conducive to the writing of letters are sadly disturbed by the more frivolous. However, no doubt things will arrange themselves in due course.

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It is somewhat trite to remark that conditions are very different from those obtaining in Fyzabad. None the less we confidently predict that the same remark will recur with considerable frequence during the next few months. Firstly it is beastly cold. But our bearer tells us that it will be "bahut tanda pichi, Sahib"—which is cheering, to say the least of it.

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There was little time lost between our arrival and the commencement of serious work. In effect, Barracks and the surrounding country have illustrated an extraordinary activity.

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The Alpine Club flourishes amain, and is like to become a favourite institution. From "Old Bill's" lair in No. 1, Bungalow, goes up the unceasing cry for "Boots! Boots! and yet more Boots!"

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Certain members have been finding that the activities of the Hosts of Midian, as set forth in a well-known hymn, are no myth. They "prowl and prowl around" unceasingly. That the lungs of the Battalion are in no need of immediate overhaul is evinced by the screams of the far-flung sentries as they proclaim the security of their respective posts each half-hour.

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There is a coal shortage.

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Speaking of fuel, with all respect to the "Old 'uns," we would like to prescribe the Gilbertian recipe of "Something lingering, with boiling oil in it," for the next member who introduces the subject of "The Next Boat."

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At a recent meeting it was proposed by some bright soul, that a game called "pokey-di" should be introduced. The Chairman expressed a total ignorance of this exotic pastime, but it was noticeable that several very philanthropic offers to initiate him into the mysteries were courteously but firmly declined.

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To those who have left us for more exalted circles, as also to those gaining a "step" by their defection (or should it be elevation?) and the recently appointed, we offer our felicitations.

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Finally, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

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Who's happy? WE ARE.

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DEPÔT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,

23rd December, 1926.

The thoughtful authorities have just sent us a train-load of coal for Christmas, "in lieu," we presume, of a "Log, Yule." What fun we are having carting it from the station to the coal yard, instead of sitting at home with nothing to do!

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The Depôt Durham Light Infantry seems to have lost all sense of the fitness of things. Their boxers won our last quarterly boxing contest, and the other day, with complete disregard for the unwritten rules which govern these shows, beat us even more soundly. However, in fairness, it must be said that they couldn't very well help it. They seemed fitter, better boxers, and consequently more confident.

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If it gives any readers pleasure, some time in January, when these notes appear, to know that, way back in '26 they were

XMAS DAY, 1926.

THE LORD AND LADY MAYORESS VISIT XMAS DINNERS.

wished a Happy Christmas and Good Wishes for the New Year—well, they were.

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Recruiting has been so good during the last year that we only need one more squad before April, so that, what with the 'Varsity vacations and public school holidays being on, and our worthy Quartermaster acting as Recruiting Officer, none but six foot senior wranglers who are "blues" need apply, and even then they must pass the educational tests.

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It is just as well that the FIFTH can afford to pick and choose, as men do not always join the Army for the reasons one supposes, as the following incident shows:—

Scene.—Orderly Room at an Infantry Depôt. A recruit has just been marched in.

R.S.M.: Private Smith, Sir!

C.O.: I have a letter here from your mother, Smith. She says you want to transfer to the —— (another arm of the Service). Is that so?

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PTE. S.: No, Sir! I don't want to leave the Regiment—my mother wants me to.

C.O.: Why?

PTE. S.: Well, Sir, my father was killed in this Regiment in the war.

C.O.: I should have thought that that was all the more reason why she would wish you to serve in it too.

PTE. S. (disgustedly): She says that it's safer in the ——, Sir. A man who was in the war told her that only fools went into the Infantry. "Asking for trouble," he said. Next war he's for the —— straight away.

C.O. (banging the table—to Adjutant): God help the country, Brown, when mothers think only of the safety of their sons when they send them into the Services!

(Adjutant makes suitable noise and picks up the pens, etc., which have bounced off the table.)

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In view of the trend of thought in "Civvy Street," disclosed by the above incident (true in the essentials), the following drafts for a new series of posters, less barbarous and with more drawing power than those at present in vogue, are humbly offered to the Recruiting Authorities:—

An Infantry poster:—

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Not too much pocket-money (we can make them send most of it to you).

Don't send him into the draughty Air Force, those stuffy tanks, the smelly Cavalry, or the naughty Artillery.

No danger in war, owing to steel helmets and gas masks.

God save the King!

(and the Country.)

Photo by] [*E. W. Gosman.*

THE RISING GENERATION (1926).

THOSE AT THE DEPÔT IN NOVEMBER WHOSE FATHERS OR ELDER BROTHERS SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN THE REGIMENT.

Back Row.—Fus. F. Elsy. J. Parker. D. Mullen. J. Dryden. J. R. Currie. T. W. Turner. R. Clifton.

Third Row.—Boy Allen. Fus. E. R. Craigie. G. Hardingham. W. Bailey. T. Turnbull. M. Brown. C. Watchorn. W. Trainer.

Second Row.—Fus. J. Larkman. F. Challen. C. Dodds. J. Young. Dmr. E. Vincent. Fus. W. Earp. B. B. King. S. Clough. R. Hayton.

First Row.—Fus. F. Buttery. Cpl. J. Matthewson. C.Q.M.S. W. Carlin, D.C.M. R.Q.M.S. D. Redhead. Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C. C.S.M. J. O'Hara. Lce.-Sgt. W. Brown. Fus. H. Cole. M. Scott.

Sitting on ground.—Fus. G. E. Langley. Fus. G. W. Turnbull.

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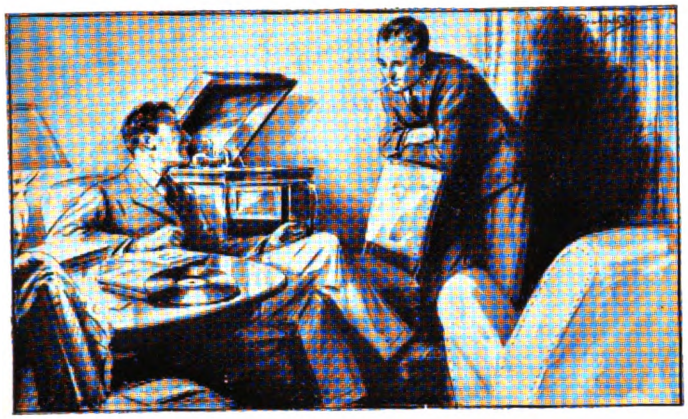

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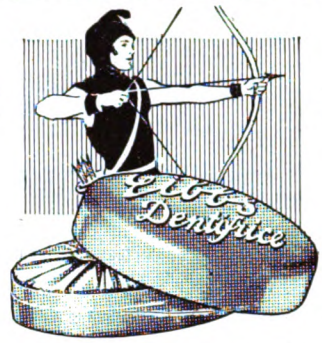

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Blood and Metal,

which must be filled before it proceeds overseas to a back seat near emergency exit in the Theatre of this *awful* War.

Sixteen Guineas down to any lad with enough pluck to serve under that distinguished soldier, Colonel Coldfoot.

Extracts from Regimental Records :—

"Barring 'flu', a man is safer in the Smalls than in a French train."—*Favourite saying of C.I.G.S.*

We weren't at Waterloo.

At no fewer than five battles our casualties were nil ; in one only one poor fellow met his end (he was killed in the rush).

Transport Men, Cyclists and Officers have special facilities in case of danger.

All our Colonels have been Quakers, who know how wrong it is to take life.

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A Cavalry poster :—

VENTRE A TERRE !

Come along, you fellows, and lend tone to what would otherwise be an unseemly brawl.

Why run when you can walk ? Why walk when you can ride ?

Girls are liked by Hussars—Lancers are liked by girls. Join the Cavalry and be both at frequent intervals.

A horse hates danger : when you've had enough place bit between teeth and give him his head !

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A Departmental poster :—

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Pte. Smith Pte. Little	Pte. Smith	

120 *to* 130 *lbs.*, "*B.*"

Pte. Archer Pte. Welford	Pte. Welford	Winner : Pte. McIvor Runner up : Pte. Welford
Pte. McIvor Pte. Young	Pte. McIvor	

130 *to* 140 *lbs.*, "*A.*"

Fus. Dunn Pte. Armstrong	Fus. Dunn	Winner : Fus. Dunn Runner up : Fus. Hardingham
Fus. Hardingham Pte. Swinney	Fus. Hardingham	

130 *to* 140 *lbs.*, "*B.*"

Fus. Turner Pte. Berriman	Pte. Berriman	Winner : Pte. Canham Runner up : Pte. Berriman
Pte. Canham Pte. Pearson	Pte. Canham	

140 *to* 150 *lbs.*

Fus. Shaftoe Pte. Munro	Fus. Shaftoe	Winner : Fus. Shaftoe Runner up : Fus. Spowart
Fus. McGrother Fus. Spowart	Fus. Spowart	

Best Loser's Prize—Fus. Murr.

D.L.I., 58 points ; 5th Fusiliers, 44 points.

4TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE,

22nd December, 1926.

In the dark days of the Coal Strike, when coke and coal was more precious than gold, and about as hard to get, the Adjutant and Quartermaster sat shivering over a cold radiator, as they manfully grappled with their labours. One day the latter, whilst scanning his morning paper with hopeless eye, came across these magic words : "Why shiver ? Fit a gas fire." Too easy—why shiver, indeed ? Sanction for this momentous charge was sought and gladly given, and now, dear reader, a month after the coal strike is over, they have actually been fitted, and the Newburn Drill Hall is the proud possessor of two of these marvels of modern science.

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The members of the Newburn Detachment Sergeants' Mess will hail with gladness the good news that the proposed enlargement of the Mess has been passed. The present Sergeants' Mess is totally inadequate for the numbers, and it is hoped that the new accommodation will prove ample. This comes as a Christmas present from the Buildings Committee, though it is probable that the alterations will not be completed until well in to the New Year.

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We take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and the best wishes for 1927.

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SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The undermentioned is the result of the games :—

4TH NORTH'D. FUSILIERS *v.* 234TH COY. R.E.

Miniature Shoot.

C.S.M. E. Mower	76
C.Q.M.S. G. W. Sparrow	68
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	75
Sergt. T. Stamp	70
C/Sgt. Cameron	75
	364

234th Coy. R.E., 355 points. Won by 9 points.

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Billiards.

Sergt. J. Rollingson	91
Sergt. S. A. Armstrong	78
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	94
L/Sgt. J. McHuge	100
	363

234th Coy. R.E., 326 points. Won by 37.

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Whist.

Sergt. S. Veitch Sergt. T. Stamp	Won 3—2	Draw.
Sergt. G. Simpson Sergt. R. Cowan	Lost 3—2	

TYNE E.E.'s *v.* 4TH NORTH'D FUSILIERS.

Miniature Shoot.

C.S.M. E. Mower	75
C.Q.M.S. T. Brown	72
C/Sgt. Cameron	76
R.Q.M.S. P. Connel	73
Sergt. T. Stamp	69
	365

Tyne E.E., 382 points. Lost by 17 points.

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Billiards.

Sergt. J. Rollingson	87
Sergt. S. A. Armstrong	100
R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	100
L/Sgt. J. McHugh	100
	387

Tyne E.E., 312 points. Won by 75 points.

Whist.

Sergt. S. Veitch Sergt. T. Stamp	Lost, 3—2	Lost, 6—4.
Sergt. W. Mitchinson Sergt. P. Downie	Lost, 3—2	

4TH NORTHD' FUSILIERS *v.* 72ND R.A.

Billiards.

R.S.M. S. C. Clarke	100
Sergt. S. Veitch	94
Sergt. S. A. Armstrong	100
L/Sgt. J. McHugh	100
	394

72nd R.A., 297 points. Won by 97 points.

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Whist.

Sergt. S. Veitch Sergt. P. Downie	Lost, 3—2	Lost, 6—4.
Sergt. R. Cowan Sergt. R. Brown	Lost, 3—2	

5TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

December, 1926.

The " close " season is quickly coming to an end, and in a month's time training will begin once again, leading off this time with a short course for Junior Officers. Everything points to a really good year next year, both from the work and from the social points of view. Not that this year has been any too bad, considering our camp was cancelled, as we hold first place in the Brigade for the numbers of Machine and Lewis gunners qualified, apart from other results such as our improvement in winning events at the Annual Territorial Rifle Meeting.

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The Sergeants' Mess have held two Dances within the last month, both of them highly successful from all points of view.

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Arrangements are being made for Christmas trees, etc., for the children of the Battalion on Christmas Day.

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We have one or two new subalterns about to join, and they should do well, judging by the fact that although not yet commissioned they are keen enough to attend our meetings, etc.

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We take this opportunity to wish our many friends a Very Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year.

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With the end of the " close " season approaching, it is hoped to increase these notes somewhat, but it is idle to write a lot about nothing ; this being so, the writing must cease.

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6TH (T.A.) BATTALION NOTES.

ST. GEORGE'S DRILL HALL,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
29th December, 1926.

Hearty Good Wishes for 1927 to all other Fusilier Battalions.

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Except for a certain amount of activity in the Entertainment world, the month has been eventless.

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On the 11th December, a free Variety Entertainment was given to all ranks at the Drill Hall, which was a great success.

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The R.S.M. showed himself an accomplished light comedian, and the M.O.'s card tricks completely nonplussed the audience. Songs were given by Mr. J. Maclaren and Newcastle's only Hawain Band, consisting of Messrs. Dodds, Doig, Graham and Criddle, dispensed weird sounds.

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Capt. F. H. Phillips and Mr. G. Forster, of the 5th Bn., assisted by Miss Ellis, gave two very excellent short sketches, and Sergt. D. Buchanan appeared in the roll of Sir Harry Lauder with great success.

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Mr. Carrick officiated at the piano, and our thanks are due to the organisers, Messrs. Carrick, Wilson, Graham, France and Field.

FOOTBALL.

The Battalion defeated the 73rd Field Brigade R.A., on the 4th December, by 3 goals to 2, after a hard and exciting tussle. The Gunners were a bigger set of men and seemed to settle down to the game with determination from the outset. Our goal was raided, and only the steady goalkeeping of Fus. Etherington and the clean tackling and sound kicking of Lce.-Cpl. Hoggins and Cpl. Welsh saved our goal from an early downfall.

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After about 15 minutes we were able to score through Fus. Kay, and the Gunners immediately retaliated, and in 5 minutes they had equalised through a goal secured by Gunner Clark and a further goal was added through a mistake of one of our men.

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In the second half we completely outplayed our opponents and goals were scored by Sgt. Wood and Lce.-Cpl. Walton.

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In the final, which was played on the 18th December, against the 6th Bn. D.L.I., we met a better side and were beaten by 4 goals to love.

BOXING.

The first of a series of Novices' Boxing Competitions was held on the 18th December, at the Drill Hall. The following were present :—Major Wilkinson, Capts. Bell, Parmeter and Rutherford, and Lieuts. Criddle, Graham and Ouzman.

The officials were :—

Referee : Capt. D. D. Rutherford, M.C.

Judges : Mr. T. W. H. Criddle, 2nd Bn. D.C.L.I. ; Mr. H. R. Mechan.

Timekeeper : Mr. H. J. M. Criddle.

M.C. : R.S.M. J. O'Hara.

The results were :—

112 *to* 120 *lbs.*

Fus. F. Sloan, " B " Coy., beat Fus. F. Etherington, H.Q. Wing.

Sloan was much the cleverer and stronger boxer, and Etherington gave in in the second round.

130 *to* 140 *lbs.*

Fus. N. Gray, " A " Co. Bye.

Fus. R. Armstrong, " A " Coy., beat Fus. O. Stonehouse " B " Coy., on points.

This was an excellent bout, and both showed good promise ; at the end of the three rounds the points were level, and an extra round had to be fought to decide the winner.

In the final of this weight another good bout was witnessed when Fus. Armstrong again appeared and defeated Gray on points.

140 *to* 150 *lbs.*

As there was only one entrant of this weight, Fus. S. Celine, " C " Coy., an exhibition bout of three rounds was arranged between him and Fus. J. Hugh, " B " Coy., who is a more experienced boxer.

Of course there was no decision to this fight, but it was a very well contested bout, and good points were obtained by both boxers in each round.

A four round exhibition was then boxed between Cpl. J. Welsh, " B " Coy., and Fus. J. Mulligan, " C " Coy. In this bout the exchanges were fairly even, and some good boxing was witnessed in all the four rounds.

Inter-League results up to date are as follows :—

SHOOTING.

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	Aggregate.	Points.
" C " ..	5	4	1	1317	8
" A " ..	5	2	3	885	4
" B " ..	4	2	2	719	4
" D " ..	4	2	2	700	4
H.Q. ..	4	1	3	839	2

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BILLIARDS.

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Against.	Points.
" C " ..	5	4	1	0	1429	1241	8
H.Q. ..	4	2	0	2	1352	1103	6
" A " ..	5	1	2	2	1363	1426	4
" D " ..	4	1	2	1	961	942	3
" B " ..	4	0	3	1	930	1329	1

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,

December, 1926.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years :—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925. 10/- each.

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The following letter is one which we received recently, and we publish it as an excellent commentary on the wonderful spirit which keeps alive in the Old and Bold for many years after contact with the Regiment has been lost. The accompanying illustration is the photo referred to in the letter.

BYRON P.O.,
LONDON, ONTARIO,
CANADA.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

Please fine enclosed subscription to the *Gazette*. It is a fine paper, and brings back memories of the old times, when you see such names as Kilgour, Holderness, Cayman's, etc.—no doubt these are sons of former Officers and Fusiliers I served with in the '70's. I notice that the Old and Bold still keep to the fore in sports. In my time, Cpl. Wallace was the crack shot of India, and Colour-Sergeant Buffy was the champion runner. And during the Afghan War (at Basawal) I saw one of the finest tugs-of-war ever pulled—between the 9th Lancers and our Regt. (1/5th Fusiliers). The Fusiliers won.

We also had the St. George's Minstrels (nicknamed the Afghan Minstrels), who gave a rattling fine performance at Basawal.

About the only item the Regt. lacked in those days was boxing bouts.

I take the liberty of enclosing small photo of myself and wife (she is the daughter of an old Coldstream Guardsman). It's strange how it runs in the blood ; my eldest son is R.S.M. of the 7th Fusiliers here ; my second eldest is C.Q.M.S. of the same Regt. I also wish to state that they both served in the Great War. And my youngest son is Corporal in the 7th Fusiliers, so you see they are all "Quo fata vocant."

Wishing you the very best of success, Mr. Editor,

I am,
Yours very truly,
WALTER SMITH.
(One of the Old and Bold.)

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Letter to the Editor.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

31st December, 1926.

To the Editor of "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions, donations, etc., received between 1st October and 31st December, 1926, as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lt.-Col.),
Secretary and Treasurer.

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TROOP HORSES FOR POLO.

WAR OFFICE,

15th December, 1926.

The use of troop horses for polo by Army Officers, which may be permitted at the discretion of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, will be subject in future to a payment of £4 for the season where horses are hired by Officers on the strength of the Unit on whose charge the horses are held, and this sum will be due whether the horses are used throughout the season or not. When hired by Officers not on the strength the charge for hire at home stations or on the Rhine will be 15s. a month or portion of a month, and in Egypt 10s. a month or portion of a month.

A CYNIC'S CHRISTMAS.

BY T.S.

I have had a happy 'Xmas !

I know all my friends will be glad to learn that I have had a happy Christmas, for have not they all, or nearly all, expressed decidedly sanguine sentiments to this effect, upon cards ranging from the chaste engraved, through the realms of songful robins, to the bibulous and carmine-nosed comic illustration, not to mention packs of embossed Regimental crests on art paper covers, hiding between them snapshots of the Colours being "Trooped," "lodged," "presented," or "laid up," all neatly and tastefully held together with a bit of imitation Regimental coloured ribbon ?

BUT the happiness of my Christmas has not been due to the conventional ideas of a convivial season which doubtless filled the minds of my well-wishers. No ! Not for me the suet, the sausage *cum* turkey, the sweetmeats, or the Scotch and soda. My way to a happy Christmas lay in a plot of my own thinking.

It occurred to me in this wise :—

I was seated in the palatial apartments from which I direct the more active activities of those whom a sagacious Government have placed under my command. My thoughts for the moment were centred more on Christmas than on my work—a lapse from duty due to a recent expedition with my wife, for purposes of what she calls Christmas shopping.

There is a peculiar and recurrent similarity between these annual expeditions. They start with a discussion on the various reasons which I submit to her why the expedition should not take place. These are :—(*a*) That she could do it much better without me ; (*b*) that she could do it quite as well by post ; and (*c*) that I have not time this year to devote to it. I invariably and indubitably prove my contentions to my entire satisfaction, but as part of the expedition includes a luncheon, with oysters, at the Club, I, as invariably, take part in the expedition. . . . . .

The most recent one had pursued its normal course. Having reached the emporium where my credit is for the moment considered to be least impaired, the following approximate dialogue and action took place :—

My wife.—"What shall we get for Peter ? He has written to say he wants a camera ? "

Myself.—"The late Cox and Co. have inferred that they would rather he did not have so costly a gift as that. How about a clockwork engine ? "

My wife.—"We gave him one for his birthday, so that's no good. Let's give him a writing-case."

We buy a writing-case *plus* several "topping little gadgetts" for my wife's writing-table.

My wife.—"Now Ronald's turn. Have you any idea ? He wants a knife."

Myself.—"We gave him a knife for his birthday."

My wife.—"Yes, but he has lost it."

Myself.—"Careless young blighter "——I begin, but a sudden trick of memory or prick of conscience connects my mind with a borrowed knife, and my fishing bag—"Well, perhaps he will find his knife, or I may have an old one for him at home. Anyway I don't think a knife will do. How about a clockwork engine ? "

We buy a clockwork engine, also a hideous spotted animal for Joan, and various other gifts for our relatives, none of which (the gifts I mean) I like and all of which my wife declared were "just the thing."

And so my mind wandered forward to Christmas itself, and I pictured the day through from the first excited "Happy Christmas, Dad ! " at about 6.30 a.m., to the last sleepy "Goodnight. I've had a lovely Christmas, and didn't Daddy look funny ? " ! ! at about 11.30 p.m.

The chilly acquiesence in, amounting almost to heated resentment against, the parade for Church, on the part of our young. The platitudinous sermon and the excruciating village anthem thereat ; the heavy meals, the ponderous games. I could see and hear them all in advance. Also the visit on Boxing Day to my wife's aunt, and the meet of the hounds at her house ! This is an annual imposition which I detest. My own hunting is more or less confined to a slap round with an ash plant in National Rat Week, but once a year I look eagerly at the local hounds drawing the first cover, and thread my way gingerly through masses of fidgetty horses, bearing in my hands a tray of light refreshments for the comfort of various mounted friends and neighbours.

Such, then, were my thoughts when my young brother-in-law entered and remarked "Bungo, laddie, how's things ? " My brother-in-law, I may mention, serves his King and Country in a mechanical branch of H.M. Army, and has not learned the culture to which I used to be accustomed when I myself served in a line regiment (the late argument with the central powers put a stopper on my career as a soldier).

Seating himself in the armchair provided by an obsequious Office of Works for the reception of any high and mighty one who might be tempted to visit me on official business, he proceeded, without waiting for any reply to his salutation, to unfold a most alluring plan, whereby I should forsake home at Christmastide and accompany him to Paris. Cross-examination, however, elicited the fact that a girl was to be of the party, and also the girl's mamma, and my part was even that of the gooseberry. Naturally I declined, on the entirely false plea of family obligations, to acting in that capacity, and the young lad departed to search elsewhere for a gooseberry, having been neatly forestalled in an attempt to touch me for a lunch.

Having signed my name a couple of times, I returned to my reverie. The Paris idea held many attractions, and by contrast the conventional Christmas I have depicted seemed more grim to me than usual. But family obligations, though removed from the sacredness I had implied in rejecting Paris, are, owing to a strong strain of moral cowardice present in

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my composition, very potent factors to be considered. Financial considerations, too, urged a Christmas at home. What was I to do about it? . . . It was then that the great idea flashed upon me. Somewhere and sometime I read of a man who elected to spend Christmas in bed. Why should not I spend Christmas in bed? Everything seemed to help me to my wish. The war has left me in such a condition that freedom from colds is an imperative necessity if I am to continue to keep fit to earn money. I possess a chronic cough and any sign of excess in cough or sneeze causes my wife to insist vigorously on my staying in bed for a day. What could be easier. On Christmas Eve I would complain of cough and cold, and meekly acquiesce when bed was prescribed for me.

All went well and according to plan. With an air of resigned disappointment I forewent the Christmas Day festivities. I had a good book to read. It was cold and raw outside, and I was warm and snug. The daintiest bit of turkey was sent to me, and I ate it as a favour. A special dozen of oysters was sent for, for my sole enjoyment at dinner. I ate 10 of them and left the odd couple partly as a sign of my sad plight and partly as a reward to my wife, who devoured them with gusto when she came up to see if I had been able to enjoy them.

And so I had a really happy Christmas. But alas! Nemesis was swift upon the heels of my imposture. On Boxing Day, according to plan, I felt better. I remained in bed for breakfast with exemplary docility, and was thinking about getting up and descending after my tray had been removed, when my wife came up. Her first words were reassuring: "Are you *sure* you feel better, darling?" she asked.

"*Ever* so much better," I replied cheerfully.

"Oh! that is good, then I can go to Aunt Mary with a light heart."

Caesar's ghost!! My staff work had failed. I had forgotten about Aunt Mary and her infernal party!

Worse was to follow, for my wife went on to remind me that the domestics, barring one, always went out for the whole day on Boxing Day, but I was informed arrangements had been made so that a reliable one would be left to look after me. I was confined to my bedroom, however, as no fires had been lit downstairs in order that everyone could get off as early as possible, and my wife and the children were just off to the meet of the hounds at Aunt Mary's and would not be home till midnight or thereabouts.

Well, I couldn't argue, or even feel suddenly worse. I had "bought it" fairly and squarely. To cut a long and dismal tale as short as possible, I passed a long and dismal day in majestic seclusion, fed at intervals upon the most wholesome and least interesting of yesterday's broken meats. When at long last my family returned with tales of a joyous day, I sought for a grievance. I found one all right. My wife's aunt had provided presents for all. This was an innovation at these annual outings. There had been a present of Corona cigars for me, but there was also an unexpected guest in the person of my brother-in-law, who had put off his Paris trip till New Year, for whom no present had been provided. The said guest being a man who also liked Corona cigars, was given my present. Nothing was said about replacing it for me, and if I know my wife's Aunt Mary nothing more will be said!!

Ah me!! I have now caught a cold—a real one!!

(*To be continued*). No!! ED. *S.G.G.*

SERVICE FILMS.

By "ADVANCE SCREEN."

I do not propose to say much about the various American war films which have been showing in this country of late. Some of them are good as examples of screen technique, but to a British audience—and especially to a Service audience—they fail lamentably in their military technicalities, even making all possible allowance for the fact that the troops shown are American, and may have ways different to our own.

There are a good many men who served in the war who find parts of these American films nothing short of offensive to British sentiment, not only in their complete ignoring of the fact that there was a British and a French army in the field in 1918 and earlier years, but in the nasty smacks the American producers give us in rather undignified fashion.

But there is one good thing these foreign films have done—they have apparently roused our British producers to the fact that there is money to be made in war pictures, and that a British audience prefers a picture which shows what the British Forces did. The result has been that we have had of late several British war films—British not only in their producers and actors, but in their sentiment and feeling.

MONS.

By far the finest, in my opinion, of these war films is "Mons." It does not attempt to tell any romance or fiction story, but sets out to portray as accurately as can be reproduced the outstanding incidents of the great Retreat. The film starts with the Battle of Mons, the firing of the first shots by the cavalry, and then the infantry in the scanty scratches in the ground that served as trenches in those early days. We have that stirring part of the action played by the Royal Fusiliers, and a reproduction of the holding of the Nemy Bridge and the exploits which earned the V.C. for Lieut. Dease and Private Godley.

We follow the retiring army in the first stages back to Le Cateau, and get a magnificent and thrilling picture of the 119th Field Battery in difficulties with their guns in the open under a slaughtering fire, and the gallant rush to the rescue of the 9th Lancers. At the trade show where I saw the picture, the audience broke into unrestrained applause when those guns were manhandled back into safety, limbered up, and came at a tearing gallop out of the tempest.

We have a few scenes of the Lincolnshires and the Lancashire Fusiliers, and the stand of the Guards in the rear-guard action at Landrecies; and other Regiments which one recognises are the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, the Manchesters, K.O.Y.L.I., Gordons, Cheshires and Queen's Bays. We see the historic stand of "L" Battery, and I'll defy any man in or out of the Gunners, not to feel thrilled to the marrow by the story that re-lives on the screen. We watch the Retreat drag on, we see Major Tom Bridges of the 4th Dragoon Guards buy his toy drum from a village shop and drum and whistle a last flicker of life into the dead-beat men sprawled about the cobble-stoned street, get them on their feet and staggering after him on their weary march. Again you feel a lump come in your throat as you watch, and you want to stand and cheer the stout-hearted Major and his no less stout-hearted men as one by one they lurch up and away.

But I cannot attempt to tell the incidents of the whole epic story. It is one that every Service man—more, that every

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British man, woman and child ought to see. The Americans, with all the money and brains and skill and mechanical effects that money can buy, have filmed some thrilling war picture scenes. They have done nothing that—to a British audience at least—has the emotion, the thrill of pride that we get in "Mons," and even considering it cold-bloodedly as a piece of technique and work, no American film has given us anything as exact and correct and true to life as this British picture. There are few, if any, war films I have not seen. I say, without hesitation, that "Mons" is the finest war picture which has yet been made.

"MADEMOISELLE FROM ARMENTIERES."

In this picture we have another style and method of presenting the War—a fiction story of the doings of purely fictitious characters with a background or setting of the War. While the story is fiction a genuine attempt has been made to present the war episodes as realistically as possible, and the total result is most emphatically what I can only call a jolly good show and a decidedly pleasant entertainment.

Service men will pick a good many faults and grouse perhaps at the exaggerations. It is difficult to take seriously, for instance a story which takes a young French girl up into the front line British trenches right in the middle of a big concentration for a mass attack, gets her up actually into and across the captured neutral ground and into the captured German trenches, there to fall into the hands of the counter-attacking Germans. You'll have to see this film with a good dose of salt in your pocket ready for swallowing with incidents of that sort, but although I myself am inclined to be perhaps over-exacting in my desire to have the war depicted correctly in all its details, and all rank exaggeration cut out, I am ready to forgive the stretching of fact possibilities for the sake of the very fine war scenes we get, and the care that has been taken to make trenches look like trenches, and fighting men look like fighting men.

Those of you who knew Armentieres (and sang of her Mademoiselle often enough) may be puzzled to find the young lady living in a village more like Vermelles than Armentieres—in one of those rather picturesque little hamlets we were billetted in many miles back out of the lines, instead of the battered old "Armonteers" with the trench lines running through its suburbs, but again we'll forgive that for the sake of a thoroughly pleasant and dramatic film.

I recommend any Service man to see "Mademoiselle" anyhow.

"NELSON."

In this picture we get away from "The War," but, as one might expect in a film with that title, get a good deal of war of another period.

"Nelson" is a tremendously ambitious attempt to put in a two-hour picture a record of the life of the great Admiral and national hero—and while it is inevitable such a record cannot be adequate, the picture is really magnificent. Personally—although in this I admit I may be a captious critic—I felt sore that the picture record left out some incidents of Nelson's life which would have done more to present to us the human side of the great Nelson than anything that was included.

The film stuck to a series of incidents which are already so well known that their screening could not greatly enhance their value, and it missed such lesser known sides of Nelson as his spell while a youngster serving as a pilot, his voyage to the Arctic, and so on. Historic truth is rather strained by the impression conveyed that Nelson on the renewal of war embarked and sailed straight to Cadiz and the Battle of Trafalgar, and not a glimpse was given of that long period of strained and tense dread when all England waited for a sight of Napoleon's fleets rolling up the Channel to cover the passage of the great invading "Grand Army of England."

But I repeat that in these details I am perhaps being over-critical. If you take the picture as a whole, it is a great attempt to portray the life of the Admiral-hero. It was filmed partly on board the actual vessels Nelson knew—on the *Victory* in particular—and the greatest pains have been taken to present the men and methods of war of Nelson's day with absolute accuracy. Again we have a purely British film, and one which must touch the heart of British sentiment, and stir our national and our Service pride. It may be inadequate history, but it's a strong film.

"PALAVER."

Perhaps I am stretching it a bit to include "Palaver" in an account of "Service Films." It has little to do with any of the Services, but I mention it because there are a number of my readers who no doubt have served on "the Coast," and will feel a touch of personal remembrance when they see scenes actually filmed there, see the little Haussa spring to attention and parade with all that smartness and pride in his service which is not only a pleasure to see but is so truly typical of our native troops. The story is a thoroughly good romantic one of life on the Coast, with all the elements of love, rivalry and hate mixed up with "trouble in the bush" and the risings of a native tribe. The acting of the natives (genuine lib-for-die black-fellow natives) is simply gorgeous, and must make many of our film stars green with envy.

"Palaver," in a word, is a real "Empire film," a true-to-life picture of the routine job of white men carrying on in the outposts of Empire, keeping the flag flying in the good old style, giving a glimpse to the home garrison public of the life of our British men and women who live "out bush." I can only hope that there will be many such films produced, and that, one after another, they will give us pictures of those parts and peoples that the Foreign Service troops know so well.

"EVERY MOTHER'S SON."

This is a fiction story with a background of War and After-War. It contains some good acting, and is a story which at times is moving and touching. But somehow I feel it lacks a certain appeal to the Service man. It treats the Service sympathetically enough, and the film shows finely produced war scenes, and heroic exploits, . . . but the whole point that is rubbed in through the After-War part is that War does not pay, especially that it does not pay those who go to war.

There can be nobody who won't agree that war is a horrible and wasteful business, but it is a pity to make a picture which, if it has any effect beyond entertainment must be to discourage any man from joining up when there's a war on. After all, if men don't join up in such case, it simply means—as it certainly would have meant in the last war—smash for us, and misery and suffering under the heel of a conquering nation worse than any of our present sufferings. Film producers and writers ought to remember this.

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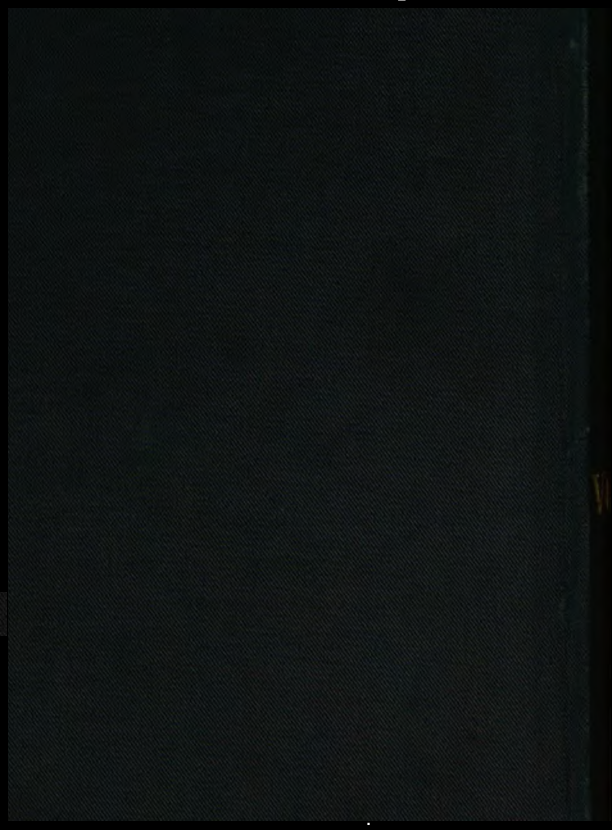

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